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Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting - Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

All Lewis and Clark friends are cordially invited to join the Oregon, Washington and Idaho Chapters on Memorial Day weekend along the trail in Nez Perce country. The registration fee for all the events is only \$165.00 and registration is limited to 70 people.

On Friday, May 24th, we will gather in Orofino (home of “Canoe Camp”) at the Clearwater Crossing RV Park Pavilion for the evening welcome, a program and light refreshments. Motel and camping spots are available in Orofino.

On Saturday, May 25th, we will reconvene in Weippe for the annual “Camas Festival”. (Weippe is 25 miles from Orofino but it is along the scenic Clearwater River and the “Gold Rush Historic Byway”.) First scheduled event is the 3 mile walk or 10K run on the most beautiful course along the Lewis and Clark trail. Camas Festival events at the Weippe Community Center include speakers, hands-on demonstrations, re-enactors as well as music and food vendors across the street at the park. During the afternoon, tours will be made to the “meeting place” of 1805 between the Corps and the Nez Perce just outside of Weippe. Participants will also be able to tour the Weippe Discovery Center and view the beautiful Lewis and Clark murals encircling the building. A locally-produced melodrama will cap the festival activities. Dinner will be served back in Orofino at the Orofino City Park with several area authors in attendance.

Sunday, May 26th, the group will travel 48 miles to Lewiston (along the Clearwater River and the “Northwest Passage Scenic Byway - All American Road”). At Hells Gate State Park, we will board jet boats for a trip up the Snake River into Hells Canyon. The destination is Cougar Bar where in 1806 Sgt. John Ordway and his small party traveled to purchase salmon from a Nez Perce fishing camp. This will only be the 3rd time an organized tour has been to this little known Lewis and Clark site. Several local historians and Nez Perce interpreters will be aboard. Lunch will be served. Upon our return to the state park, there will be a wine tasting featuring wine from “Colter’s Creek Winery” of Juliaetta, Idaho, and dinner capped with a Lewis and Clark program. The group will also be able to tour the Lewis and Clark Discovery Center at the park.

On Memorial Day, there will a choice of tours in Orofino or Lewiston. Local Lewis and Clark sites will be the focus of the Orofino tour. In Lewiston, there will be a choice of Garry Bush’s guided trolley tour of Lewiston historical sites or a car caravan to public art works in Lewiston that have a Lewis and Clark or Nez Perce theme.

Register early! The jet boat trip is limited to 70 people. Lewiston is hosting the NAIA World Series (small schools) beginning Memorial Day weekend so Lewiston motels may fill up early. While there will be some driving involved, the scenery is beautiful and for the most part parallels the Lewis and Clark trail so getting there will be part of the enjoyment of the trip. Those folks wanting to take in the Monday tours in Lewiston may want to spend Sunday evening in Lewiston.

Registration is only \$165.00 and includes a Camas Festival pin, refreshments on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday dinners and Sunday lunch. Folks wanting a souvenir T-shirt should register for the fun run/walk (“Retreat to Weippe”) for \$15. The guided trolley tour on Monday is also an additional \$15 fee.

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Orofino Lodging - Accommodations While attending the LCTHF Regional Meet

Two LCTHF events will be held on Memorial Day weekend in Orofino. The first, on Friday night May 24 will be held at the pavilion in Clearwater Crossing RV Park. The Saturday night get together will be held in the Orofino City Park. Both of these are along the river and it is reasonable to walk between them and the Camps/ motels listed below. Consequently, we suggest you stay in one of the campgrounds/ motels near the City Park.

ABOUT OROFINO: Orofino is stretched out along the banks of the Clearwater River and up the side canyon of Orofino Creek (Clark called it Rockdam Creek). When entering town from the west on US 12 you pass Pink House Hole Campground and then the Highway becomes 4 lanes. Continue east for 5 miles to the bridge over the River to the center of town. Clearwater Crossing RV Park is visible across the river just after you pass the airport. Turn left over the bridge and the City Park is on your right as you get off the bridge. There is a lot of L&C history in town.

Camping

There are several campgrounds/ RV parks in town. We will hold our Friday night welcome at the picnic pavilion in Clearwater Crossings RV Park. Although the name is RV Park they have space available for tents and a nice new shower house/ restroom facilities. The RV Park is along the river’s edge. Fee is \$26 away from the river or \$3.00 more next to the river. For reservations call 208-476-4800 or www.clearwatercrossingrvpark.com. There are other camping alternatives: 1) **Free Fish and Game site** in Ahsahka, five miles west of Orofino on the north side of the river. No charge, vault toilets. 2) **Pink House Hole** is a BLM Campground on Hwy 12 on the west end of town. They do not take reservations and fees are typical Federal Campground charges.

Motels/ Hotels

There are three within walking distance of the City Park and RV Park.

- Best Western plus, Lodge at Rivers Edge.-- 208-476-9999
- White Pine Motel -- 208-476-7093, www.whitepinemotel.com
- Helgeson Place Hotel - 208-476-5729 www.helgesonhotel.com

MORE INFORMATION

Town and area info is available at www.orofino.com. For questions about our event call Idaho Chapter Pres Chuck Raddon at 208-476-3123 or email him at idahoclarkie@gmail.com



WEIPPE INFO: In earlier days the Weippe area was frequented by the Nez Perce Indians, who enjoyed the summer climate and profitable hunting grounds. They erected lodges, fished, hunted and dug the camas root in the surrounding area. In 1805, Lewis and Clark had their first encounter with the Nez Perce Indians on the Weippe Prairie, not far from the present townsite.

The word Weippe was originally spelled "Oy-ipe" by General Oliver Otis Howard, in his journals during the campaign against the Nez Perce and negotiations with Chief Joseph in 1877. Other spellings included Oy-iap and Wyap-p. Harry Wheeler, Nez Perce historian, believed that Weippe means a "very old place," "oy" means "all" in the Nez Perce language, but no meaning has been found for "iap". The Nez Perce also say it may have something to do with a spring of water or camas ground. The meaning of the name is still greatly debated.

Soon after the Corps of Discovery's expedition through the region, the fur trading industry came to Idaho. Then gold was discovered in 1860 by E.D. Pierce bringing a rush to the area in 1861. The Homestead Act brought many [families](#) to the region and Weippe grew and thrived. Weippe was incorporated in December of 1964 and is located on the Gold Rush Historic Byway, Idaho Highway 11. The Weippe Prairie is one of eight registered national landmarks in the State of Idaho and is part of the National Lewis & Clark Historic Trail. It is a level meadow fringed by forest, and through it runs Jim Ford's Creek, named after a pioneer wood dealer from Lewiston. Come visit our Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at the Weippe Discovery Center.

Also visit our neighboring city-Pierce at pierce-weippechamber.com.

Wanted Enthusiastic Lewis And Clark Aficionados Interested In Making A Contribution To The Idaho Chapter. Consider Running For The Position Of Vice President. If Interested Please Contact Chuck At Idahoclarkie@gmail.com. We Will Have An Election At The Weippe Event.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY TRI CHAPTER EVENT (SEE ABOVE)

July/August, 2013 - 45th Annual Meeting in Bismark, North Dakota

August 3-6, 2014 The 46th Annual Foundation meeting in Richland, Washington, sponsored by the Washington Chapter. More information to follow

Please check the Chapter websites for updated information:

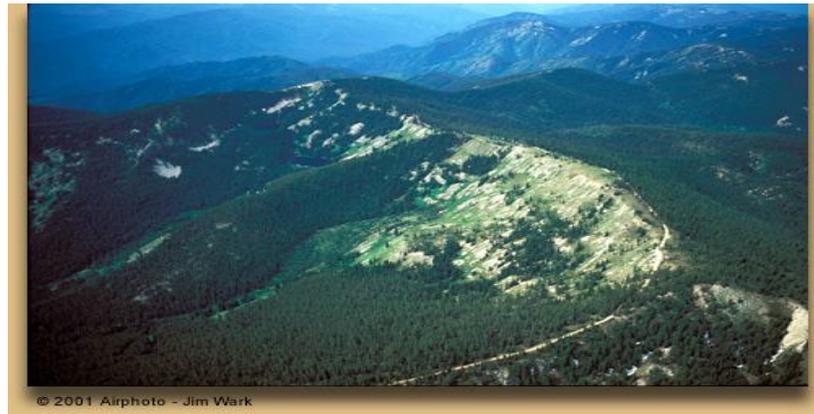
Foundation <http://www.lewisandclark.org/>

Idaho <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org>

Oregon <http://www.or-lcthf.org/>

Washington <http://www.wa-lcthf.org/>

Note a new website by Washington and Idaho Chapter members Kris & JoAnn Townsend here <http://lewisandclarktoday.net/6/18.html>



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LOLO TRAIL WORK WEEK

Set for August 4-10, 2013. The Idaho Chapter of the LCTHF is again organizing the **Lolo Trail Work Week** trail maintenance project with funding from the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee and tools and technical support from the Clearwater National Forest. We have filled the work group with 23 volunteers from six states, the most volunteers ever. The majority of the work involves clearing overgrown brush along the trail, staining the log interpretive signs, and removing trash and litter. **The group will meet in Orofino, ID, on the morning of August 4, 2013,** caravan to the camp site near Spirit Revival Ridge, spend the work week on the Lolo Trail, and break camp on the morning of August 10, 2013, after breakfast. All kitchen duties are to be rotated among the volunteers as the group will be doing its own cooking.

Volunteers provide their own tent, mattress pad, sleeping gear and transportation. The nights are cool (40 to 50 degrees) and the ground is hard at 6,500 feet elevation. **Volunteers pay \$50 for the privilege of working in the mountains.** The Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee is contributing two-thirds of the food cost of \$150 per person. Recruitment starts in January of each year so if interested be alert next winter.

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Following the presentations a short chapter meeting was held with ten members present. President Chuck Raddon began the meeting by discussing the wonderful success of today's presentation, 127 persons! Many people in the audience expressed a desire for more programs like this. The meeting room at the museum is available for future events. John Fisher was asked to do his presentation to be given at the upcoming Annual Meeting but he declined due to time constraints, but would be available for other presentations later in the year. Funding for future speakers was discussed. Fortunately, the LCSC Speakers Bureau can contribute to speaker costs as was done for today's speakers. Continued funding for Lewis and Clark events may be available through the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail committee. Monies are available from the Bicentennial fund and by continuing licensing revenues, thanks to all those who choose L & C plates. The Lolo Trail Work Week is funded by the Governor's Committee as well. Chuck had resigned from the Governor's committee but will attend the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the need for an officer election for the Chapter. Chuck would like to have someone else take over the position of President. He was persuaded to continue if an active Vice President could be elected. Steve Lee volunteered to run for the treasurer position if Holly decides to resign. Janie will continue as Secretary. Jim Fazio was to talk to Linwood Laughly who expressed an interest being on the ballot about the VP position. The request for candidates can be posted in the next newsletter and the election can be held electronically or at the Weippe meeting.

Other items discussed were the upcoming publication of the book written by Allen Pinkham and Steve Evans which should be out by this summer. The next meeting will occur following the combined Idaho, Oregon and Washington event at the Weippe Camas Fest on Memorial Day weekend.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Gottschalk, Secretary

IDAHO CHAPTER PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

WHY ARE WE INTERESTED IN LEWIS AND CLARK? I was asked recently to give a presentation to the local Historical Society here in Clearwater County. They wanted an “overview to Lewis and Clark.” After some thought I put together a slide presentation titled “*We missed Lewis and Clark by 200 years, why are we still looking for them?*” The thesis that came together after several false starts and a lot of “stewing” was that there is something in Lewis and Clark for everyone. Many of the L&C “buffs” focus on an area of interest. My list for the presentation included * Food * Clothing * Weapons * Relations with Tribes * the Route they followed * Water craft * Horses * Medicine * What the land looked like when they were there * Individuals on the expedition or that they met * Incidents & events on the journey * Plants & Animals encountered * Journals, Maps & records. No doubt you can add to this list. I think this wide variety of interests is what continues the interest in the Corps of Discovery. For me, the wide variety of interest makes any site visit and presentation interesting.

WE ARE HOSTING A REGIONAL MEETING. The Chapter is hosting a Regional meeting this spring over Memorial Day weekend. There are two main parts with lots of little surprises. For many, the Weippe Camas Fest is the start of the Lewis and Clark summer season. They always have some great presenters and some great “hands on” demonstrations that is an eloquent reminder of the conditions the Corps of Discovery experienced. The jet boat trip up the Snake River to the village that Ordway & crew visited in 1806 is an opportunity to visit a site otherwise unreachable by most of us. The cost of the Rendezvous is a bargain when you consider that the jet boat trip alone costs over \$100, so the meals and other features are a bargain.

VISION: The membership has shrunk significantly since the Bicentennial years, but for me that means the “*fast buck*” and “*anything for a thrill*” people are gone. All of the chapters have shrunk and a few have died since the Bicentennial. The Idaho chapter still draws members to meetings and events, so my focus is continue with our past programs.

- Monthly Presentation type meetings with a speaker on a specific topic. We may include a small business meeting as part of the program. My goal is to have them in October and November each fall and spring meetings starting with Pomp’s Birthday in the spring.
- An annual “tour” gathering to be held somewhere in the state, usually on a weekend. The goal is a “*on site*” visit to a L&C site. They will be based in a “town” or area where those wishing to camp and those wishing to use a motel can be accommodated.
- Lolo Work Week. Of the entire route followed by the Corps of Discovery, the lands of the Lolo Trail are the closest to what the corps observed saw 210 years ago. Idaho is very fortunate to have this treasure.

OFFICERS: We’ll have an election at the meeting on Memorial Day weekend. I’ve been Chapter President now for three - two year terms and thought I would give someone else the opportunity to lead the chapter at the end of the 2nd two terms. I’ve been surprised that no one has stepped forward. We have a good Treasurer and Secretary, but need some fresh ideas. I’m willing to continue another term if someone will step forward and take the Vice President for a two year term. We also need some board members who will step forward with some ideas for speakers and presentations. If you have some ideas for a meeting give me a call. *Chuck Raddon*, Idaho Chapter President

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