

Idaho Chapter Newsletter-LCTHF

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kris Townsend will share a photo journalist talk on Feb. 11, 2017 at the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding, ID at 2:00. His presentation is entitled “Photo Journalism on the LC Trail: An Adventure Worth Sharing.” **Kris will be sharing journal entries and matching photographs while telling the stories it took to capture them—from what the Expedition experienced to what he had to do to replicate the experience. He plans to focus on mostly on the Upper Missouri River, Lolo Trail, and Clearwater River segments. Of local interest, he will include some of his photos of trail researcher Gene Eastman’s proposed route down to Hungry Creek, a handmade wooden drift boat, and John Fisher’s quest for ‘canoe’ logs on the Clearwater River. He will also show and discuss recent drone photography and video of the Lolo Trail. This is open to the public and everyone is invited. Kris’s website is <http://lewisandclark.today>.**



Pomp’s birthday will be celebrated after Kris’s talk with a birthday cake.

Immediately following Kris Townsend’s presentation, we will have an Idaho Chapter meeting for the purpose of electing our officers. We hope to see you there!

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Recent Events

2017 Chapter dues are \$10.00 per individual. The Idaho dues form is on the last page of this newsletter. We are a 501 (c) 3 and donations are tax deductible.

Members are also encouraged to join the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Here is the link for the Foundation dues website.

[https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/web link.aspx?name=lewisandclark&id=8.](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/web link.aspx?name=lewisandclark&id=8)

The Idaho Chapter sponsored a reception during the LCTHF board meeting on October 27, 2016 in Clarkston, Washington. The Foundation gave the Trail Stewardship Award to Chuck and Penny Raddon for their many years of service on the Lolo Trail project. 55 people attended from all over the country. Congratulations Chuck & Penny!

Lorna Hainesworth from Baltimore, Maryland gave a wonderful presentation in Boise, ID on November 19, 2016. Her topic was “The Corps of Discovery and the War of 1812 “. Lorna has an avid interest in Lewis and Clark and in the history of old roads. She is a lifetime member of the LCTHF and the Surveyors Historical Society. 93 people were in attendance and everyone enjoyed her talk.

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Lolo Work Week 2016 edition

Last year's annual volunteer work party was actually two work parties. In June two of the Lolo Trail National Historic Corridor entrance sign complexes were rebuilt along with 4 of the single panel interpretive signs. Six volunteer spent hundreds of hours rebuilding the frames for the interpretive signs, removing the old rotting posts, installing new posts and signs.



Canyon Junction sign reconstruction. Dick Monaghan with his tractor lifts a post for placement. Carl Stone and Geoff Billing guide the post into the hole. The posts are 8x8 inch by 12 feet long w4x6 cross piece that carries the signs.

Idaho's Lolo Trail needs Volunteers

WHAT: The Lolo Trail, that historic travel route over the Bitterroot Mountains between Missoula Montana and Lewiston, Idaho and traveled by Lewis and Clark and many others needs help. Spend a full week helping maintain the trail, interpretive signs, camp sites, viewing the scenery and learning a bit of history. We will set up a camp near Sprit Revival Ridge and spend our days working on a variety of projects.

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WHEN: The 2017 Lolo Work Week crew will move in to our campsite at NoSeeEm Meadow on Sunday, July 30th. We work the following week and come out of the mountains Saturday, August 5th.

THE WORK: Most of our work involves maintaining the ridge line trail which crosses the Bitterroot Mountain range. It was established by Native Americans and followed by western explorers including Lewis and Clark, fur traders, missionaries and the army. Our job is to keep it open for modern explorers. Brush grows into the trail and is best removed with long armed clippers. Water-bars need to be cleaned and fallen trees cut. We also maintain signs and campsites along the high mountain ridge route. Most of our volunteers are empty-nesters or retirees in reasonably good health. Our camp is at 5,000 feet elevation and you will be walking several miles of rugged trail most days while working to maintain the trail.



Cutting brush from the trail on Spirit Revival Ridge

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN: The satisfaction of doing work that needs to be done, visits to many historic sites, some “oh-Wows” at the views of the endless mountains surrounding you, an idea of how the Nez Perce used these mountains, an understanding of the challenge of modern management of a historic resource, a whole lot of local history, lots of Lewis and Clark history, new friends, some sore muscles and perhaps a few blisters.

THE COST: We have received a grant for most of the food and camp gear. Your week will cost you \$50 plus your travel and personal equipment costs. In addition, you must be paid-up members of both the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (\$46), and the Idaho Chapter, LCTHF (\$10).

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WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED? You will need a good tent, mattress pad and sleeping bag for the often-cool nights and hard ground. No Pickup-campers or travel trailers due to difficult access and limited space in camp. It takes a fleet of stout vehicles to transport our mountain of groceries and camp gear to our camp site, a four-hour trek from Orofino, Idaho where we organize. We suggest you drive SUVs or empty pickups with heavy duty tires because tire side wall damage is common. To travel to the work sites from camp we will consolidate crews into as few vehicles as possible. In regard to clothing think layers. Mountain weather is extremely variable that time of year and a bright sunny morning with “T” shirt temperatures often leads to an afternoon thunderstorm with heavy rain and hail. Be prepared.



Our camp at NoSeeEm Meadows in 2014, which was the best Bear Grass flower year in memory.

MORE INFORMATION: The work project is organized by the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. For more information, view the Idaho chapter’s web site lewis-clark-idaho.org. The pictures of the work week are under the photographer’s name. The Fall 2014-chapter newsletter has more pictures and a report on that year’s Work Week. If interested in joining us email us at lolooworkweek@gmail.com. We’ll send you a detailed information packet and application.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Lolo Trail Work week, here are some websites that will give you more information. This year it is July 30-August 5, 2017. The Chapter website has information you may be interested in. Listed below are the main areas of interest.

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Home page <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org>:

Lolo Work Week 2017 information

Lolo Work Week Slide show

Links to Lolo Work Week photo galleries

L&C in Idaho:

Interactive Google Map: <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/sites>

Pine Creek to Lenore by Chuck Raddon: <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/features/peck.php>

Coulter Creek by Chuck Raddon: <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/features/potlatch.php>

L and C in Orofino by Chuck Raddon: <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/features/orofino.php>

Chapter Calendar: <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/events>

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Upcoming meeting dates

Feb. 11, 2017 2:00pm Kris Townsend's presentation at Nez Perce National Historical Park,

Spalding, ID Election of Idaho Chapter officers Pomp's Birthday Bash

April 1 & 2 OCTA-LCTHF Symposium-Vancouver, WA <http://www.octa-trails.org/>

July 21-26 – LCTHF Annual Meeting in Billings, MT. <http://rochejhone.weebly.com/>

July 30-August 5 - Lolo Work Week <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org>:

If you anticipate changing your email address, please let me know so we can keep you on the newsletter list. Thank you, Laurie laurielynn205@gmail.com

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Idaho Chapter Dues Form

Be a part of the journey of discovery! Join the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Dues are \$10.00 per person.

Make your check payable to: Idaho Chapter LCTHF.

Send this membership form, along with a check to:

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Idaho Falls, ID 83404

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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