

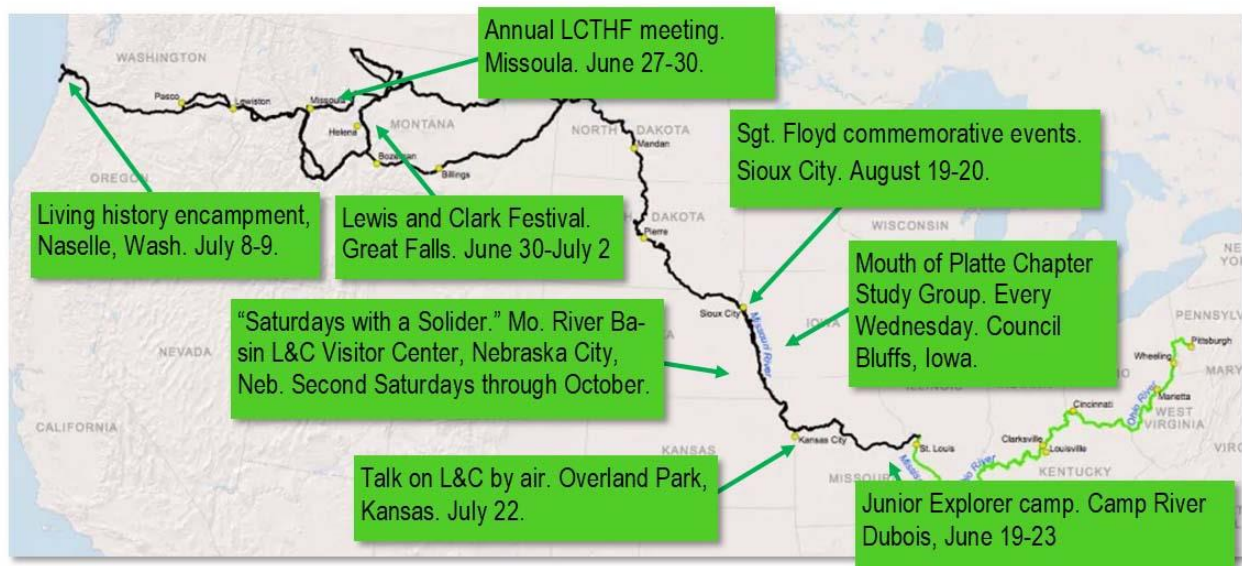


# National Calendar of Lewis and Clark Events

June through August 2023

Register now for the annual membership meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. For details about the June 27-30 meeting, see page 14 of this calendar. And check out the Page 13 spotlight on Steve Ludeman, whose Eastern Legacy artwork will be exhibited at the annual meeting.

**Just a few of the many Lewis and Clark events listed in this calendar:**



## Quick Peek at the Lewis and Clark Events around the nation

Details about each event can be found on pages later in this calendar

Dates	Event	Location
Through June	On Wednesdays, the Mouth of the Platte Chapter study group reads journals	Council Bluffs, Iowa
June 10	“Saturday with a Soldier” re-enactment at Missouri Basin L&C Visitor Center	Nebraska City, Neb.
June 10	Bird-watching walk at Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center	Salmon, Idaho
June 11	Alix Christie reads from her book, <i>The Shining Mountains</i>	Travelers’ Rest, Montana
June 17	Social event for Riverbend Chapter and Southern Prairie Region	Kansas City, Mo.
June 17	Bird-watching walk at Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center	Salmon, Idaho
June 19-23	Junior Explorer Camp at Camp River Dubois for kids 9-11 years old	Hartford, Ill.
June 20	The Mouth of the Platte Chapter June dinner meeting	Council Bluffs, Iowa
June 24	Bird-watching walk at Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center	Salmon, Idaho
June 27-30	Annual meeting of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	Missoula, Montana
June 28	Dan Flores gives the Gary E. Moulton lecture at LCTHF annual meeting	Missoula, Montana
June 30-July 2	Lewis & Clark Festival and 25th-anniversary celebration of L&C Int. Center	Great Falls, Montana
June 30	Deadline to order your Lewis and Clark-branded coffee, an LCTHF fundraiser	Online
July 1	20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum	St. Charles, Mo.
Through July	Lewis and Clark “Exploration Wednesdays” for fourth to sixth graders	Sioux City, Iowa
July 8	“Saturday with a Soldier” re-enactment at Missouri Basin L&C Visitor Center	Nebraska City, Neb.
July 8-9	Lewis and Clark Living History events at Knappton Cove Heritage Center	Naselle, Wash.
July 10-14	Annual White Cliffs canoe adventure and learning experiences	Montana
July 22	Bob Webster, co-author of <i>Lewis and Clark by Air</i> , gives a presentation	Kansas City, Mo.
July 23-20	A weeklong tour of Lewis and Clark across the Bitterroots	Idaho
July 24-29	“Camp at the Crossroads” for students in first through fifth grade	Travelers’ Rest, Montana
July 31	Last day of Lewis and Clark traveling map exhibit	Livingston, Montana
August 5-6	Pacific Northwest Living Historians at Fort Walla Wall Museum	Walla Walla, Wash.

<b>August 12</b>	"Saturday with a Soldier" re-enactment at Missouri Basin L&C Visitor Center	Nebraska City, Neb.
<b>August 19</b>	Sergeant Floyd Memorial Black Powder Muzzle-loader Shootout	Sioux City, Iowa
<b>August 19-20</b>	The annual Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment	Sioux City, Iowa
<b>August 19</b>	The annual re-enactment of the burial of Sergeant Charles Floyd	Sioux City, Iowa
<b>August 28</b>	Lewis and Clark traveling map exhibit opens at Ponca State Park	Ponca, Neb.

The following calendar entries are for events through June. Please visit the calendar on the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation website](#) to see if more events become listed during the upcoming three months. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free. The next monthly calendar will be published on July 1.

While members of the Mouth of the Platte Chapter study group in Council Bluffs, Iowa, read the journals written by the explorers while they spent the 1805-06 winter at Fort Clatsop, here are two photos of what the replica of the fort and the area look like today:



Today's Fort Clatsop, located in the [Lewis and Clark National Historical Park](#), sits among a thick forest of immense Sitka spruce, western cedar, and Douglas fir, as well as hemlock, Oregon grape, sword fern, and huckleberry bushes—all in all, [250 species of plants](#). Flat, easy hiking trails weave under canopies of tree boughs throughout the



After the Lewis and Clark explorers departed for their return trip to St. Louis, Fort Clatsop's story was far from over. [Read this interesting article about the fort's legacy](#), written by the late [Joseph A. Mussulman](#).

- On June 7: The reading will cover the journal entries from February 17 to February 19, 1806.
- June 14: Journal entries from February 20 to February 23, 1806.
- June 21: Journal entries from February 24 to February 26, 1806.
- June 28: Journal

entries from February 27 to March 1, 1806.

For more information, contact Keith Bystrom at [knbystrom68@gmail.com](mailto:knbystrom68@gmail.com).

• **June 7, 14, 21, and 28**

**(Wednesdays):** The Mouth of the Platte Study Group meets on these days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Central Time) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 600 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa. This is an open meeting for anyone with an interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Coffee and treats are provided.

The first hour is a time of sharing Lewis and Clark experiences by each participant. The second hour is devoted to reading and discussing entries in *The Definitive Journals of Lewis and Clark - Volume 6* edited by Gary Moulton.

In this month's readings, the study group remains with the Corps of Discovery at Fort Clatsop, where the explorers are hunting, updating their journals, making clothing and moccasins, investigating the culture of local natives, making salt, and generally preparing for their return to their beloved United States.

The study group's meeting dates and the dates in the expedition's journal entries to read for those meetings are:

The days that the Mouth of the Platte Chapter study group will study in the expedition journals are from Feb. 17 to March 1, 1806.

[Click here](#) to learn what the expedition did during those days. The link will take you to Feb. 17, 1806. Then, to go to the next day, click on the next date (Feb. 18, 1806) on the right side of the page.

- **June 10 (Saturday):** Spend a fun part of today with the Corps of Discovery soldiers at the [Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center](#), 100 Valmont Drive, Nebraska City, Neb.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., volunteers of the Living History Corps will portray members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, giving live demonstrations about the duties and skills of the explorers: blacksmithing, musket shooting, hide scraping, and more.


The re-enactors also tell stories of daily life during the 1,119 days the explorers were on their journey from 1803 to 1806. As part of the free festivities during the monthly “Saturday with a Solider” event, kids can dress up in look-alike uniforms and try their hand at tomahawk throwing. Parents: great photo opportunities!

The “Saturday with a Soldier” events are held on the second Saturday from April through October. For more info, click on the highlighted visitor center link above or call 402-874-9900.

**Just a little bit of what “Saturdays with a Solider” is all about:**



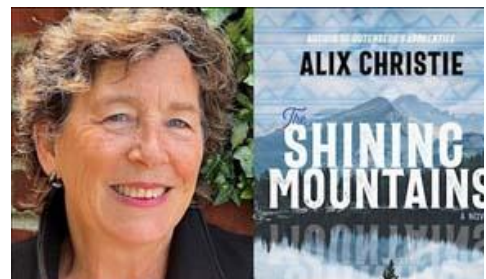
- **June 10 (Saturday):** The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational in Salmon, Idaho, offers a bird-watching walk at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). Walks will also be held on June 17 and June 24 at 9 a.m. More info: Contact Suzy Avey, director, at [savey@sacajaweacenter.org](mailto:savey@sacajaweacenter.org) or (208)756-1188. [Click here](#) to see the center’s website or this link for the center’s Facebook page: [Facebook page](#).



The schedule of summer programs at the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Educational Center in Salmon, Idaho, had not yet been available by the time of this monthly calendar on June 1. But it will be released soon. Check the [center’s website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to see the schedule.

- **June 11 (Sunday):** Author Alix Christie will read from her book, *The Shining Mountains*, at Travelers’ Rest State Park Visitor Center near Missoula, Montana. Alix’s book is based on the true story of Angus McDonald, the younger brother of her great-great-grandfather Duncan McDonald.

The story focuses on a hugely important period in American history and is described through the eyes of the real actors in the drama. The story of Angus, his Nez Perce wife Catherine, and their son Duncan illuminates a little-known history that stretches from the [Highland Clearances](#) to the extraordinary lives of the mainly Scottish traders in the Hudson’s Bay Company who forged alliances with North America’s indigenous tribes.



About part of her process of writing the book, Alix says, “To tell the story of the McDonald family, I consulted extensively with the Native communities about whom I write. I sought and received formal approval from both the Nez Perce and Confederated Salish

and Kootenai tribes. Elders from each tribe read and approved the manuscript. From the start, I have had the strong support of my distant cousins by marriage on the Flathead Reservation in Montana, who are direct descendants of the protagonists of the novel. They agree that the story of their blended family is an important –and heretofore missing– piece of the history of the American West."

Alix's presentation begins at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time). She will be available to sign books at the event.

- **June 17 (Saturday):** A social event for members of the Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter and Southern Prairie Region will be held at 3 p.m. at Terzo Mare Restaurant, 4105 N. Mulberry Dr., Kansas City, Mo. This social will be a great time to catch up with your Lewis and Clark friends and make new ones. Please bring along guests to acquaint them with the comradery among folks interested in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. If you have questions, please send them using this email address: [southernprairie@lewisandclark.org](mailto:southernprairie@lewisandclark.org).



- **June 17 (Saturday):** The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational in Salmon, Idaho, offers a bird-watching walk at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). A bird walk will also be June 24 at 9 a.m. More info: Contact Suzy Avey, director, at [savey@sacajaweacenter.org](mailto:savey@sacajaweacenter.org) or (208)756-1188. [Click here](#) to see the center's website or this link for the center's Facebook page: [Facebook page](#).

- **June 19-June 23 (Monday-Friday):** Here's an opportunity for youngsters ages 9 to 11 to join the Lewis and Clark Expedition and become full-fledged members of the Junior Explorers. During this week of events of education and fun, the youngsters will learn the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by "training" at Camp River Dubois near Hartford, Ill. Camp River Dubois was the expedition's first winter encampment.

The first winter encampment is commemorated by an interpretive center and replica log cabins at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, where youngsters will learn about frontier skills, what it was like to serve in the U.S. Army, as many of the Lewis and Clark explorers did, and how to prepare their own food, make a journal, mend uniforms, identify native plants and animals, and many more tasks.

The program, which costs \$65, is offered through the [Lewis & Clark Community College's](#) College for Kids, an academic enrichment program for children of all ages. For more information and to sign up, visit the college's [Summer Programs website page](#) or the [state historic site's web page](#) about the program.



- **June 20 (Tuesday):** The June dinner meeting of the Mouth of the Platte Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be held at the Pizza King Restaurant, 1101 North Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Attendees will order from the menu. A cash bar begins at 5 p.m. (Central Time); dinner at 6 p.m. with a program immediately following.

The program will feature a presentation by Troy Stolp, a local teacher, on the historical archeology of the Council Bluffs region.

For more info, contact MOP president Don Shippy at [shippydv@msn.com](mailto:shippydv@msn.com) or by calling Don at 402-740-7851.

• **June 24 (Saturday):** The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational in Salmon, Idaho, offers a bird-watching walk at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). More info: Contact Suzy Avey, director, at [savey@sacajaweacenter.org](mailto:savey@sacajaweacenter.org) or (208)756-1188. [Click here](#) to see the center's website or this link for Facebook: [Facebook page](#).

• **June 27-30 (Tuesday-Friday):** The annual membership meeting of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. You can still register to attend the meeting in Missoula, Montana. See page 15 later in this calendar for details.

• **June 28 (Wednesday):** Dan Flores will give the prestigious Gary E. Moulton Lecture at the annual membership meeting from June 27 to June 30 of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The annual meeting is in Missoula, Montana.

Dan is a distinguished historian of the American West and the A.B. Hammond Professor Emeritus of Western History at the University of Montana. He is

the author of the best-selling books *Coyote America* and *American Serengeti*. *National Parks Traveler* reviewed Flores' latest work and stated, "*Wild New World* is a big book, Big History, and deserves big attention. This is a history we must know."

Dan's lecture will be given during the annual meeting's Wednesday dinner, which starts at 5:30 p.m. The dinner at the Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula costs \$55 a person if you do not have a full registration for the annual meeting. [Click here to register](#) for the dinner or the annual meeting.

• **June 30-July 2 (Friday-Sunday):** The Lewis & Clark Foundation will host the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in conjunction with the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Lewis and Clark Festival in Great Falls.

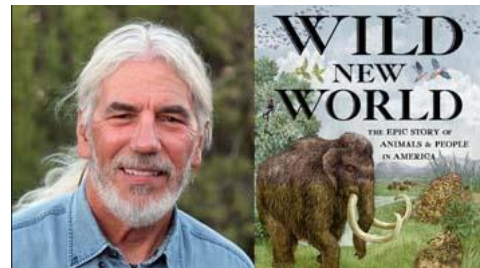


The festival offers many fun and educational interpretive displays and talks that focus on the times of Lewis and Clark. Here are

just a few of the interpretive talks and demonstrations available during the festival:

- Plains Indian art and story robe;
- period hats and hat making;
- Newfoundland dog (think Seaman!);
- bison hide tipis;
- period wool blanket;
- challenges to military discipline;
- flintknapping; and
- wheel-making activity by the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard.

And here are a few of the other presentations:



Learn about the interesting history of how the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center was developed a quarter of a century ago in Great Falls, Montana, by watching [this video](#).

And listen to learn more about the center, its history, exhibits and volunteers, and stories of the Corps of Discovery through this two-part podcast series:

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

- A bison-use demo by Blackfeet elder Dugan Coburn.
- Native diplomacy presentation by a Knife River Indian Villages ranger.
- Salish Kootenai Face Dancers will give a demonstration.
- Dr. Chris Hodges will give a presentation on Lewis and Clark's western commerce.
- Dr. Jay H. Buckley will talk about Lewis and Clark's connections to the fur trade.
- Authors Caitlyn Clark and John Fisher will give talks and be available to sign their books.
- "Montana's Troubadour" Jack Gladstone will give a free concert at the center's outdoor theater. And food vendors and Montana artisans will be onsite.

Click on this link for [more info](#).



A re-enactment scene from a previous Lewis & Clark Festival.

• **June 30 (Friday):** Today is the deadline to order Lewis and Clark-brand coffee from [Jumpy Monkey Coffee](#), a company friend that is holding this fundraiser for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Jumpy Monkey Coffee is a small, [family-owned coffee roasting company](#) in Sergeant Bluff, an Iowa city named in honor of Sergeant Charles Floyd, the only expedition member to die on the journey. The roasting company's mission is to provide meaningful employment to individuals with disabilities. The coffee is made from Arabica beans.

For every bag sold during this fundraising endeavor, Jumpy Monkey Coffee donates a portion of revenue to LCTHF. Here are the three options for you to choose from: Sergeant Floyd French Roast; Lewis and Clark Blend; and Good Morning Blend (k-cups only for this blend).

To order your coffee, [click here](#).



• **July 1 (Saturday):** The Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum in St. Charles, Mo., will host a celebration to honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the popular landmark on the Historic St. Charles Riverfront.

The Boat House and Museum operates under the theme of "Bringing History to Life, where the Discovery Expedition

Continues." It has been visited by more than 600,000 people in the last two decades, as well as 110,000 students who have taken field trips there.

The Boat House and Museum offers remarkable educational exhibits that tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Meanwhile, the Boat House and Museum has a traveling fleet of replicas of the boats used by the explorers; the fleet visits places throughout the Midwest. The story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is told by members of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, dedicated volunteers who are experienced re-enactors who portray expedition members.

**20th Anniversary Celebration**  
**6:30 Doors open**  
**7-10 Live Cajun Music**  
**The Dennis Stroughmatt Trio**  
**Dinner & Dancing**  
**In the Museum!**

**Tickets @**  
**BoatHouseBirthday.eventbrite.com**  
**636-947-3199**

— LEWIS & CLARK —  
**BOAT HOUSE AND MUSEUM**

Tickets for the open house will include the viewing of new exhibits, the opening of a classroom, catered dinner, drinks, a lot of fun celebrating with friends, and live music by the Dennis Stroughmatt Trio.

Musician and historian Dennis Stroughmatt, who was taught to play the fiddle by local Creole fiddlers, performed for the signature event at the Boat House and Museum two decades ago during the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial Celebration. His trio performs a vibrant blend of Celtic, Canadian and old-time music that bridges the gap between Canadian and Louisiana Cajun styles.

The open house will be from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Boat House and Museum, 1050 S.



The Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum in St. Charles, Mo.

- [Learn about the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum.](#)
- [The history and mission of the Boat House and Museum.](#)

Riverside Drive. Period dress is encouraged; business dress is welcomed. Individual tickets are \$40, while tables for eight persons cost \$400. Tickets available at [BoathouseBirthday.eventbrite.com](http://BoathouseBirthday.eventbrite.com) or call 636-947-3199.

• **July 5 (Wednesday):** Throughout July, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, Iowa, will offer Exploration Wednesdays, a series of fun, free activities for youngsters in fourth through sixth grade. The adult-supervised activities are related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and are from 11 a.m. to noon. The activities have educational components and include hands-on participation. Here's the schedule:

- July 5: The youngsters will learn about the life and contributions of Sacajawea on the trail.

- July 12: The students will investigate the [cipher created by Thomas Jefferson](#) to communicate in secret with Meriwether Lewis. The students will then practice writing their own secret messages.

- July 19: Students will learn about archery safety and proper bow and arrow techniques from a guest presenter, Andrew Roelfs.

- July 26: Relying on what they have learned in previous activities, the youngsters will analyze primary sources and decode ciphers to unlock a prize.

The class size is limited. Registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

**Exploration Wednesdays** FREE!

JULY PROGRAMMING FOR 4TH TO 6TH GRADE KIDS

July 2023	
Date	Wednesdays, 11:00 - Noon
5	How Sacagawea Helped
12	President Jefferson's Cipher
19	Archery Demonstration
26	Solve Lewis and Clark's Puzzle

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Register by:

- signing up on our website at [siouxcitylcic.com/kids/wednesdays/](http://siouxcitylcic.com/kids/wednesdays/)
- or
- scanning the QR code below.

It's All Right Here  
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center  
Betty Strong Encounter Center

• **July 8 (Saturday):** Spend a fun part of your day with Corps of Discovery soldiers at the [Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center](#), 100 Valmont Drive, Nebraska City, Neb.

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with a Solider” event, kids can dress up in look-alike uniforms and try their hand at tomahawk throwing. Parents: great photo opportunities!

The “Saturday with a Soldier” events will be held on the second Saturday through October. For more info, click on the highlighted visitor center link above or call 402-874-9900.

- **July 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday):** This weekend is the Lewis and Clark Living History event at Knappton Cove Heritage Center, Naselle, Wash. Demonstrations include handling flintlock firearms; fire-starting with flint and steel; camp cooking; making clothing from leather; and carving canoe paddles. The Saturday event will go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Photo from a previous Lewis and Clark living history encampment at Knappton Cove Heritage Center.

- **July 10-14 (Monday-Friday):** Go on a canoe adventure through the beautiful White Cliffs regions of the Missouri River and visit other sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Montana. This is the annual expedition hosted by the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation](#) and [its Portage Route River Chapter](#) in Great Falls, Montana, as well as the [Montana River Outfitters](#). For more info, see the information on page 15 of this calendar or check out the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s [website](#).

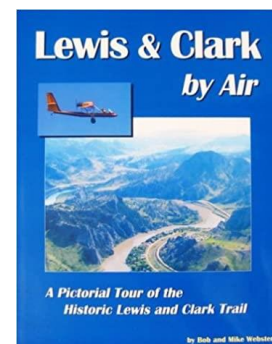
- **July 22 (Saturday):** Bob Webster, co-author of *Lewis and Clark by Air*, will give a presentation about his air journey and photographs taken during the Missouri River portion of his tour of Lewis and Clark sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Bob and his brother Mike began their aerial photography expedition in 2022 in their homebuilt airplane. Their goal was to document the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s route to the Pacific coast. Their book has more than 500 pages and 350 excerpts from the journals written by Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and other expedition members.

Bob’s talk will be at 3 p.m. in the Logan Conference Room at the Central Resource Library (of Johnson County, Kansas), 9875 W. 87th St, Overland Park, Kansas.

If you have questions, please send them using this email address:

[southernprairie@lewisandclark.org](mailto:southernprairie@lewisandclark.org).



You’re invited to a July 22 presentation by Bob Webster, co-author of this book. The talk will be in Overland Park, Kansas. Read the calendar entry to the left for details.

- **July 23-July 29 (Sunday-Saturday):** Spend a week visiting Lewis and Clark sites encountered by the explorers during their arduous journey across the Bitterroots. Camp out with Lewis and Clark history buffs. Enjoy incomparable views.

You’ll explore Lewis and Clark historic sites like Colt-Killed Camp, Snowbank Camp, Lonesome Cove, the Sinque Hole, Indian Post Office, Smoking Place, Sword-Fern Camp, Hungry Creek, and Lewis and Clark Grove. The guides will be members of the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



- **July 24-29 (Monday-Saturday):**

[Traveler's Rest Connection](#) near Missoula, Montana, will host "Camp at the Crossroads" for children entering the first through fifth grades. These full days at the historic and cultural site famed in the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be a time *when the students can play traditional indigenous games, write journals as the explorers did, create art projects, cool off in the*

nearby Lolo Creek, and do much more in the way of learning and fun. The days start at 8:30 a.m. and go to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). The cost is \$300 per child, which includes supplies and snacks. Children should bring their own lunch, water bottle, and towel. [Click here](#) for more info and to register.



- **July 31 (Monday):** This is the last day of the "Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark" traveling exhibit at the Living Area Chamber of Commerce in Livingston, Montana.

The exhibit explains how the Lewis and Clark Expedition's findings transformed Euro-American understandings of North America in the early 1800s. It also investigates methods used by the explorers to gather and process that information, including preexisting maps, navigational scientific equipment that was considered cutting edge for its time, and intelligence gained from Native Americans whom the explorers interacted with.

"Reimagining America" was created by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to increase awareness of the story of the nation's geographic understanding of itself and the different cultural viewpoints and strategies that enabled Lewis and Clark to map and share their data. [More info about the exhibit.](#)

The exhibit travels next to [Ponca State Park](#), Ponca, Neb., where its stay goes from August 28 to September 30.

- **August 5-6 (Saturday-Sunday):** At the Fort Walla Walla Museum in Walla Walla, Wash., the [Pacific Northwest Living Historians](#) will demonstrate tools and skills used by members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. You will learn the history and stories of the expedition and about the native people the explorers met, the unfamiliar territory they traveled and mapped, and the animals and plants they discovered. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. More info: [the museum's website.](#)



The Pacific Northwest Living Historians

- **August 12 (Saturday):** Spend a fun time with the Corps of Discovery soldiers at the [Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center](#) in Nebraska City, Neb.

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at tomahawk throwing. Parents: great photo opportunities! The “Saturday with a Soldier” events are held on the second Saturday from April through October. For more info, click on the highlighted visitor center link above or call 402-874-9900.

- **August 19 (Saturday):** If he were alive today, Sergeant Charles Floyd, the only person to die during the Lewis and Clark Expedition, would likely be the first in line to compete in today’s Sergeant Floyd Memorial Black Powder Muzzle-loader Shootout in Sioux City, Iowa.

The shootout is scheduled to coincide with a weekend of events that mark the anniversary of Sergeant Floyd’s death and burial on August 20, 1804, on a river bluff in what would become Sioux City. The shootout is hosted by the [Sgt. Floyd Tri-State Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the local [Hawkeye Rifle and Pistol Club](#).

The shootout will be held in two sessions. For the first session, the sign-in and practice will start at 9 a.m., with the competition beginning at 11 a.m. The second session will begin with sign-in and practice starting at 1 p.m. and competition at 3 p.m. The event will be held at the Hawkeye Rifle and Pistol Club’s outdoor shooting range, 2240 Allison Ave.

The event’s purpose is to highlight the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition during its time in the Sioux City area and to raise funds for current and future projects related to the expedition’s history.

For more information about the shootout, contact Dan Whitlock at (712) 259-4010 or [whitlockd702@gmail.com](mailto:whitlockd702@gmail.com). Or scan in the QR code to the right.

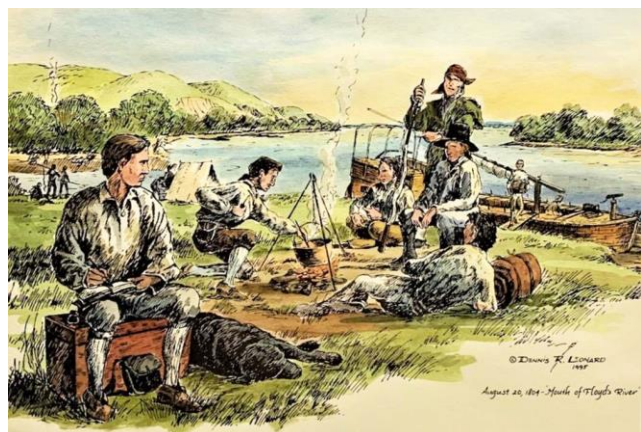
The shootout will be near the annual Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment on August 19 and August 20 at the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center. See the calendar entry below for information about the encampment.

- **August 19-20 (Saturday):** In Sioux City, Iowa, the annual Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment will be held at the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center, 1000 Larsen Park Road.

The encampment gives visitors the opportunity to explore an 1804 living-history camp that replicates the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s stay in the riverside area of what would become Sioux City. The encampment will showcase authentic tents, camp equipment, uniforms, and firearms like those used by the explorers. Re-enactors from the local [Sergeant Floyd](#)



A salute to Sergeant Charles Floyd, presented by the Sergeant Floyd Honor Guard at his monument in Sioux City, Iowa. The Honor Guard members use weapons similar to ones carried by the Lewis and Clark explorers. These types of weapons will be in use during the August 19 Sergeant Floyd Memorial Black Powder Muzzle-loader Shootout in Sioux City. Photo from the [Honor Guard’s Facebook page](#).



A look at what their encampment may have been like when the Lewis and Clark explorers spent time in the area of what is now Sioux City, Iowa. The 1998 artwork by Denny Leonard shows the encampment at the mouth of Floyd’s River. Denny is the former president of the Sgt. Floyd Tri-State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

**Honor Guard** will interact with visitors to bring the history of the encampment to life.

The Saturday encampment begins at 10 a.m. and goes to 4 p.m., with free activities for kids all day. The Sunday times are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The encampment is sponsored by the [Sioux City Public Museum](#) and [Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center](#). [Click here](#) for more info.

The encampment will be held in conjunction with a ceremony marking the death and burial of Sergeant Floyd. See the calendar entry below for more information.

- **August 19 (Saturday):** As a way to honor Sergeant Charles Floyd and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, historical re-enactors in full-dress uniforms will re-create the burial of Sergeant Floyd, the only expedition member to die during the journey from 1803 to 1804.

In this annual ceremony, Sergeant Floyd Honor Guard re-enactors will perform the ceremony from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the [Floyd's Monument](#), 2601 South Lewis Boulevard, Sioux City, Iowa.

The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs to this annual event because seating is limited.

The free event is sponsored by the [Sioux City Public Museum](#) and [Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center](#). It will be held in conjunction with the Sergeant Floyd Memorial encampment—see the calendar entry above for information about the encampment.

For more information about the re-created burial, [click here](#).



Re-enactors at a previous annual ceremony to mark the death and burial of Sergeant Charles Floyd in what is now Sioux City, Iowa. Photo by the Sioux City Public Museum.

[Click here to view a video of the 2021 ceremony.](#)



### Who was Sergeant Floyd?

He joined the Lewis and Clark Expedition on August 1, 1803, and, by all accounts, was knowledgeable, responsible, and dependable. He was appointed one of the expedition's three sergeants on April 1, 1803.

Sergeant Floyd took ill on July 30, 1804, as the explorers moved up the Missouri River toward the area of what is now Sioux City, Iowa. He passed away, according to William Clark's journal, with a great deal of composure. He was buried on August 20 on what the explorers named Floyd's Bluff.

Medical experts today believe he probably suffered from a ruptured appendix with resultant peritonitis.

To learn more about Sergeant Floyd, [read these articles](#) posted on lewis-clark.org, the educational website of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. [This article](#) talks about how the re-creation of Sergeant Floyd's facial features (the photo above shows the face) was done from a plaster casting of his skull when his remains were moved to what is now Floyd's Monument. The photo is from the Sergeant Floyd Museum and Welcome Center in Sioux City.

- **August 28 (Monday):** The traveling exhibit "Reimaging America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark" will be displayed until September 30 at [Ponca State Park](#), Ponca, Neb.

The exhibit explains how the Lewis and Clark Expedition's findings transformed Euro-American understandings of North America in the early 1800s. It also investigates

methods used by the explorers to gather and process that information, including preexisting maps, navigational scientific equipment that was considered cutting edge for its time, and intelligence gained from Native Americans whom the explorers interacted.

“Reimagining America” was created by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to increase awareness of the story of the nation’s geographic understanding of itself and the different cultural viewpoints and strategies that enabled Lewis and Clark to map and share their data. [More info about the exhibit.](#)

***Well, now, the calendar listings for June through August are over, done, finished, ended ... But, wait, wait! There’s much more info, including how you can still register for the annual meeting.***

***As Lewis and Clark might say (and did so many times in their journals, “We proceed on”\*) ... Keep reading ...***

*\* Of course, as Lewis and Clark buffs will certainly note, the captains usually put an “ed” at the end of “proceed.”*

**Have an event for the Lewis and Clark calendar?**

Email the information to [garykimsey55@gmail.com](mailto:garykimsey55@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. [Click here](#) to see what type of details to send in. **Remember: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month deadline.**

**How to have the Lewis and Clark map exhibit displayed in your area**

Visitor centers, historic sites, museums, parks, schools, libraries, and historical societies run by nonprofits or government agencies along the trail are natural exhibitors. But the Lewis and Clark expedition is a story of national significance, so LCTHF also offers this exhibit to such organizations throughout the country.

Travelers who enjoy history and anyone interested in learning more about map making and exploration will see how geographic knowledge was gained, then displayed on paper and disseminated. Any institution with an educational mission can use the exhibit as a springboard for programs on discovery, exploration, and map-making techniques.

If you would like the exhibit displayed in your community, please send an email to Sarah Cawley, executive director of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation: [director@lewisandclark.org](mailto:director@lewisandclark.org).

To learn details about the exhibit (topics covered), the size, rental cost (very inexpensive), and other details, [click here](#).

**A Spotlight On:**

**Steve Ludeman: Artistic imagination, beauty and Lewis and Clark**

When you attend the June annual meeting of members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, plan to spend time viewing member Eastern Legacy artwork by member Steve Ludeman. The artwork will be on exhibit at the Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula, where most members will be staying and most sessions will be held. The exhibit of his Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy paintings completed so far will be available from June 28 to June 30.

Steve is a watercolor and mixed media artist who is about halfway through a 4-year project that depicts Lewis and Clark history and the expedition's time in what has become known as the Eastern Legacy. The Eastern Legacy stretches about 1,400 miles from Pittsburgh, Pa., along the Ohio River, up the Mississippi River and to the Mississippi's confluence with the Missouri River.

When completed, Steve's project—titled "An Artist's View - The Eastern Legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition"—will be a series of 22 original drawings and paintings.

A few artists have created exceptional paintings that depict scenes along the Eastern Legacy, but Steve will be the first to tell the entire story of the expedition's time in the Eastern Legacy through art.

"My mission is to inform and educate the general public about this compelling and important chapter of the Corps of Discovery story," Steve says. "My goal is to create a traveling exhibit of 22 paintings and drawings. In 2024-25, the exhibit will be available to tour sites along the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail." The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is working with him on his goal.

After the 2022 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Steve and his wife Jean took their time returning to their home in Welches, Oregon. The couple traveled along the Ohio River so they could study Lewis and Clark sites to be included in Steve's project.

His works of art start with the construction of the main boat in Pittsburgh. Then comes a painting of the departure and next, a painting of the expedition's approach to Brunot's Island, then a painting of the episode on the island when a woman was nearly killed by the accidental misfire of Meriwether Lewis' air rifle.

Among the other artwork completed so far—nine paintings—is the cabin of George Rogers Clark near the Falls of the Ohio, where Lewis and William Clark met up, and a painting of the three expedition vessels from a scenic overlook next to Fort Kaskaskia, Ill., where Lewis and Clark recruited 12 soldiers to join the expedition. The completed paintings have been exhibited at several venues from Pittsburgh to Portland, Oregon.

**Steve and Jean will be at the annual meeting. Give them a hearty greeting!**



Steve's "Approaching Brunot's Island."



Lewis and Clark's three boats from a scenic overlook at Fort Kaskaskia, Ill.

Take a look at the [Eastern Legacy paintings that Steve has completed](#) so far and visit his website, [Steve Ludeman Fine Art – original watercolor paintings](#), to view the wide range of his artwork.



Steve Ludeman

## You're invited to the annual membership meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation



### Have fun, learn, see old friends and make new ones

Attend the 55<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The meeting from June 27 to June 30 will be hosted by Travelers' Rest Connection in Missoula, Mont. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Click here](#) to find out about the expedition's time at Travelers' Rest. The artwork above: a trail at today's Traveler's Rest.

### Here are a few opportunities that you can experience at the annual membership meeting:

- Walk in the footsteps of the explorers when they were at Travelers' Rest, Lost Trail, Packer Meadows, and on the Road to the Buffalo. Many of these sites remain untouched by development and still look much as they did at the time of the Corps of Discovery.
- See what's described in the journals as the "tremendious mountanes" and learn about the "verry large and terrible looking" grizzly bears and other wildlife countered by the expedition.
- Hear the languages spoken by the indigenous people who traveled through the Bitterroot Valley in the region.
- Consider how the landscape, native, cultures, and climate have changed since Lewis and Clark was last there in 1806. Learn how these will continue to evolve.
- Learn about the expedition's campsite at Travelers' Rest and the intriguing story about how it was discovered in modern times—all thanks to pills that Dr. Benjamin Rush gave to Meriwether Lewis for treating expedition members who may become ill.
- Enjoy the dynamic culture of Missoula, beautiful mountains, gorgeous rivers (and fishing—bring your gear!), trails, art, and collegiality with families and students.

[Click here to learn more about the educational sessions and other events at the annual meeting.](#)

## Sign up for a magical journey through the White Cliffs

Once again, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and two other organizations are offering a canoe trip in July through the beautiful White Cliffs of the Missouri River in Montana.

The river trip goes through a remote area where the air is pure, and journeyers spend their days in canoes and time on shore full of hiking, reading Lewis and Clark's journals, and enjoying evening campfires.

The non-profit [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation](#) and [its Portage Route River Chapter](#) in Great Falls, Montana, as well as the [Montana River Outfitters](#), are sponsoring the event from July 10 to July 14, which includes the canoe trip and tours of historic sites.

During the days of canoeing, tents with cots and sleeping pads will be set up ahead of your arrival. Meals will be prepared by outfitters. All of this will allow you time for hiking, exploring, campfire chats, wildlife and bird watching, fishing, taking photographs, and reading Lewis and Clark's journals. The trip will be led by guides knowledgeable about the country and its history.

### The tours:

After completing the river journey, you will spend half of the day on July 13 at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls. The center has magnificent displays that tell the expedition's story. After the center visit, there will be a trip to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump, an archaeologically important Montana state park and National Historic Landmark believed to be North America's largest bison cliff jump.

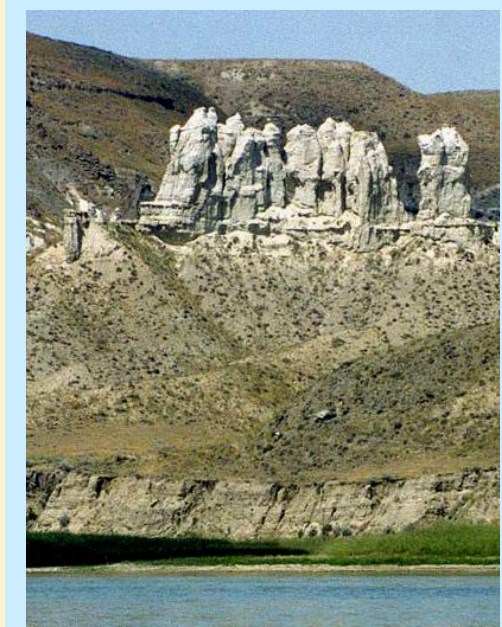
On July 14, weather permitting, you will tour the Two Medicine Fight Site, where Meriwether Lewis and three companions had a bitter encounter with Native Americans that ended in a fatality, possibly two. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour will be narrated by Larry Epstein, who was instrumental in locating the site.

### White Cliffs: "Most romantic appearance"

When Lewis and Clark entered the White Cliffs in 1805, they were delighted by the enchanted landscape. Meriwether Lewis described 300-foot-tall white sandstone cliffs carved into a thousand different shapes by the vagaries of the waterway. He noted that with the help of a little imagination, it was possible to see lofty buildings and statuary among the cliffs. "A most romantic appearance" was how Lewis described it.

### How to sign up:

For Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation members, the cost is \$1,500; for non-members, \$1,600, which includes a year-long foundation membership. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your RSVP by May 31. Canoeing skills are little cause for concern; beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Georgia Kline, [gkline@lewisandclark.org](mailto:gkline@lewisandclark.org) or call 406-454-1234.



Enjoy views like this along the White Cliffs.  
Photo by Lewis-Clark.org.



View of the Missouri River from the White Cliffs.  
Photo by Bob Wick, Bureau of Land Management.



## What's happenin' around the U.S.

Check out what the regions of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation are up to: [Click here](#) to see their newsletters, websites, Facebook pages, YouTube channels, and more.



*Shush, now, the show's about to begin...*

### Some of the videos posted on the LCTHF YouTube channel:

- Della Van Setten, librarian of the William P. Sherman Library and Archives at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation headquarters in Great Falls, Montana, talks about items in the library. Video length: 3 minutes and 40 seconds. [Click here to watch.](#)
- Jim Holmberg's lecture about the explorers and their time along the Ohio River. Video length: 1 hour, and 32 minutes. [View.](#)
- Biking the Lewis and Clark Trail with Meghan Boehmer. Video length: 1 hour and 4 minutes. [View.](#)
- Women who have impacted the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. 58 minutes. [View.](#)



Except for a few instances where links take you to an outside source on the internet, most links in the calendar take you for more information to [lewis-clark.org](http://lewis-clark.org) (also named Discover Lewis & Clark), the educational website of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

The website is the world's most comprehensive online source of information about Lewis and Clark—it's all easy to read, with beautiful artwork, and, well, thank goodness, no longhand readings written by quill pens.

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[Read more about Kris...](#)



Kris Townsend

### Planning a summer trip along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail?

[LewisandClarkNews.com](http://LewisandClarkNews.com), the blog of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, has a new article that can help you. [Read it.](#)



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The organization has members living all along the 4,900-mile Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and elsewhere throughout the nation and world.

[Learn more](#) about the organization.  
[How to become a member](#)  
(membership is inexpensive).

