

September 4, 2009, Friday—Evening Lawn chair program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. **

September 5, 2009, Saturday—Indian Voices Program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. ***

September 25, 2009, Friday—Star Party. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

September 25, 2009, Friday—National Public Lands Day. Celebrate our country's great legacy of public lands. Come out to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for a day of special cleanup and maintenance projects to take care of the area's resources. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free*

October 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2009; Fridays & Saturdays—Voices in the Shadow. Take a candlelight tour of the darkened exhibit hall and meet different characters as they step from the shadows and share episodes from their past. Guided tours depart every 15 minutes (7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.) Advance reservations required.

October 23, 2009, Friday—Star Party. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

November 20, 2009, Friday—Star Party Extravaganza. See details on April 17. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

**Star Parties: Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society from 6:00 p.m. to midnight monthly for a star-gazing experience with telescopes set up for public viewing.*

***Evening Lawn Chair Program: Informal program on an aspect of the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Join our staff or special guest along the Missouri River for an informal 45-minute program. Bring your own lawn chair. We move indoors during inclement weather. 7:00—8:00 p.m. FREE.*

****Indian Voices Program: Join a special guest presenter along the Missouri River for an informal 45-minute program on different aspects of Native American culture and history. Bring your own lawn chair. We move indoors during inclement weather. 7:00—8:00 p.m. FREE.*

Since 1998, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center has brought alive for visitors the indomitable spirit of exploration embodied by the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition through western North America and their interactions with Plains and Northwest Indians. Each year, 82,000 visitors engage in live programs with park rangers and special presenters, walk interpretive trails, explore 6,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, view introductory movie by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, or take an optional audio tour in any of five languages. The Center is managed by the USDA Forest Service.

Fees

- \$8 adults (16 and older).
- \$6 scheduled group tours (restrictions apply).
- Free for children 15 and under.
- \$3 school group programs (reservations required for school groups).

Visit as often as you'd like each year, enjoy a discount in the Portage Cache and get a quarterly newsletter by becoming a member of the LCIC Foundation:

Individual Member - \$35

Family Member - \$55

(for additional membership levels, visit

www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org/

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Gift passes also available; call for details.

Winter Hours of Operation

October 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Spring Hours of Operation

May 1, 2009 - May 21, 2009

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Summer Hours of Operation

May 22, 2009 - September 30, 2009

Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information on events and fees, call (406) 727-8733 or visit our website at

www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/lcic

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Mailroom_R1_Lewis_and_Clark@fs.fed.us

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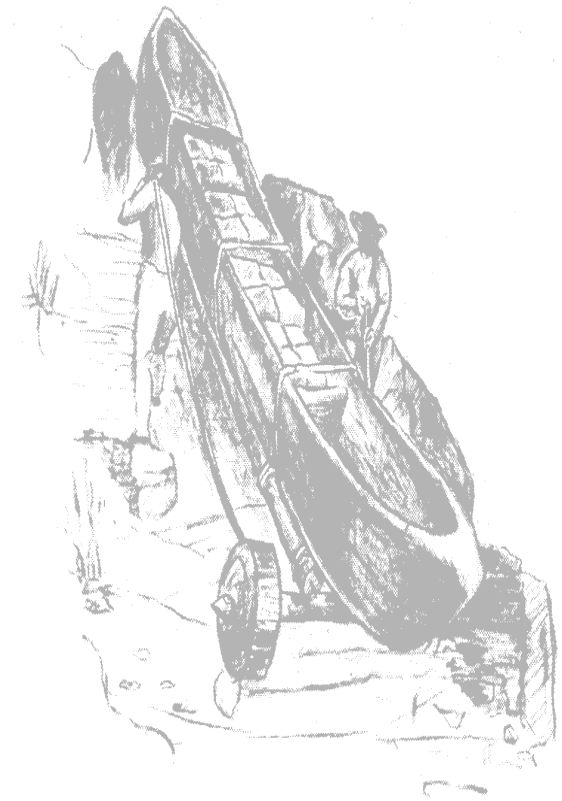
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Upcoming Events



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Daily Interpretive Short Talks. 15-minute talks at 30 minutes after the hour, immediately following an introductory film. Included with general admission.

Through December 2008—"Two Missions, One Passion" exhibit features 12 panels comparing the lives & accomplishments of William Clark of the Corps of Discovery and David Thompson of the North West Fur Company, the two most remarkable cartographers of their time.

January 8, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "Ocean Deep." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

January 15, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "Seas of Grass." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

January 16, 2009, Friday—Star Party. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

January 17, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, "From Sea to Salt." Join Fay Schaller to learn more about this most important chemical, and make bath salts to take home. Each participant is allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Advance registration required. \$10.00 each.

January 20, Tuesday—New Exhibit Opening. The Blackfeet Painted Tipi: Enduring Art, Spiritual Symbol exhibit opens January 20 and runs through December 2009. The exhibit reveals the ritual and responsibilities associated with acquiring the right to paint or own a Blackfeet painted tipi. The exhibit utilizes beautiful serigraphs (silkscreen) images and historic photographs to explain the significance of owning a painted lodge. Sponsored in part by the LCIC Foundation, LCTHF, and Museum of the Rockies. FREE with regular admission.

January 22, Thursday—Continuing Education Series "Native American Rock Art." Informal

instructive lectures for our volunteer staff. Lewis and Clark encountered numerous examples of Native American art on the stones and cliffs. Come and learn what we know -- or think we know -- about this unique art form. The general public is invited to attend. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Advance registration required. Free.

January 22, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "Spirits of the Jaguar—Forests of the Maya." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

January 24, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, "Corn Cuisine." Corn played an important role in feeding the Corps of Discovery, and was a major food source for the Native American tribes they encountered. Learn more about this vital plant and cook some corn-based products to take home. Each participant is allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Advance registration required. \$10.00 each.

January 29, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "The Congo—The River that Swallows all Rivers." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

January 31, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, Timeless Folk Toys. Come join us for some classic fun making (and playing with) versions of the earliest folk toys such as spinning tops and oscillating woodpeckers! Each participant is allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Advance registration required. \$10.00 each.

February 5, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "Ice Worlds." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

February 7, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, Par Fleche Painting." Learn more about the par fleche, and then assemble and decorate your own piece to take home. Each participant is

allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Advance registration required. \$10.00 each.

February 12, Thursday—Winter Film Festival—Where the Wild Animals Roam. This week's film is titled "Planet Earth—Mountains." Two showings at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Free.

February 14, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, "Song and Dance with Lewis and Clark." Join Jeff LaRock and our guest presenters to learn more about music and dance in the early 19th century. Each participant is allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00 a.m. to noon. Children 6 through 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required. FREE.

February 19, 2009, Thursday—Continuing Education "Snow Ecology." Although these programs are meant primarily as continuing education for our volunteer staff, the general public is also invited to attend. 2:00-3:00 p.m.

February 20, 2009, Friday—Star Party. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

February 21, 2009, Saturday—Black History Month: "Sundown Towns." Join our special guest, Professor James Loewen, for a provocative examination of race relations in the United States. Dr. Loewen, author of the critical studies "Lies My Teacher Told Me" and "Lies Across America" on the teaching and commemorating of history, now tackles the subject of "sundown towns" -- localities that deliberately excluded minority residents. Come for an interesting free 45-minute program in the Interpretive Center's theater. Sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association. 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Center Theater. Free.

February 21, Saturday—Winter Warm-up, "Double Ball." Learn more about this exciting sport and build your own set of equipment to take home. Each participant is allowed to bring along a single "helper" free of charge. 10:00

a.m. to noon. Advance registration required. \$10.00 each.

March 19, 2009, Thursday—Continuing Education "Pollinator Garden." Although these programs are meant primarily as continuing education for our volunteer staff, the general public is also invited to attend. 2:00-3:00 p.m.

March 20, 2009, Friday—Star Party. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

April 5, 2009, Sunday—Museum Sunday Sampler. In cooperation with the Museum Consortium, the Center is open free to the public. Special programming & a site-spanning treasure hunt. Noon—5:00 p.m. Free.

April 16, 2009, Thursday—Continuing Education. Although these programs are meant primarily as continuing education for our volunteer staff, the general public is also invited to attend. 2:00-3:00 p.m.

April 17, 2009, Friday—Star Party Extravaganza. Star-gazing through large telescopes set up for public viewing from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. From 6:00-9:00 p.m. indoor activities include portable planetarium, project activities for children & adults, plus a movie or special presenter. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Free*

May 3, 2009, Sunday—11th Anniversary Celebration. Special programs, food & celebrations. Noon to 5:00 p.m. Free

June 12, 19, 26, Fridays—Evening Lawn chair program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. **

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, Fridays—Evening Lawn chair program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. **

July 11, 18, 25, Saturdays—Indian Voices Program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. ***

August 7, 14, 21 & 28, Fridays—Evening Lawn chair program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. **

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Saturdays—Indian Voices Program. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free. ***