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# IDAHO CHAPTER LEWIS CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION



## The Idaho Chapter Lewis and Clark Chapter announces their "Winter in Idaho" Events:

After the hectic holidays, how better to spend the winter in Idaho than brushing up your knowledge of Lewis and Clark, the Corps of Discovery, and the Indian Nations they met over 200 years ago?

The Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is partnering with the Boise Public Library, Idaho State Historical Museum, and other local organizations to host a series of winter activities in Boise.

### **Tuesday, January 28, 2014 (Boise, 7:00 - 8:30 PM)**

Meet at the Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd, to discuss Stephen Ambrose's classic, *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*. The group will also chat with Dr. Gary Moulton, editor of *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* via webcam! Start reading now!

### **Tuesday, March 25, 2014 (Boise, 7:00 - 8:30 PM)**

Meet at the Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd, to discuss James Rhonda's book *Lewis and Clark Among the Indians*, and chat with Brigham Young University Professor of History Jay Buckley via webcam.

### **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 (Boise, 7:00 PM)**

Authors Allen Pinkham and Steve Evans will discuss the decades' long research and tribal memories that went into their newly-released book *Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce*. Pinkham is a former Nez Perce Tribal Chairman and Evans taught history for over 30 years at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, ID. They will give the Brown Bag Lecture at the Idaho State Historical Museum in Boise from Noon to 1:00 PM, and present an encore program at the Cole & Ustick Library at Cole and Ustick Roads at 7 pm. A book signing event follows each program with books available for purchase on site. The Idaho Chapter is working to continue the Nez Perce book tour to other cities including Idaho Falls and Salmon in April. More details will be available in the March *TOR*.

*In northern Idaho, thanks to Idaho Chapter, the NP service and Idaho Speakers Council, join us for the following events:*

### **Saturday, February 8, 2014 (Spalding, 1-4)**

The Idaho Chapter will be celebrating Pomp's birthday with special programming. Jack Nesbit, naturalist and historian, from Spokane, WA, will present the British view of the expedition as recorded in many documents. Other activities are in the works for a full afternoon. *See next page*

**Saturday, March 8 (Spalding NPS, 1-4)**, speaker Bruce Bjornstad "On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods" The events that created the landscape that L&C followed from Idaho to the west.

**JOIN POMP'S BIRTHDAY PARTY,  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8,  
1 TO 4 PM  
SPALDING VISITOR CENTER  
NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
A BRITISH VIEW OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK  
EXPEDITION  
PRESENTED BY JACK NISBET**



**Jack Nisbet** is a teacher, naturalist, and writer who lives in Spokane, Washington with his wife and two children. He grew up in North Carolina, graduated from Stanford University, and moved to Stevens County, Washington, in 1971 where he wrote a column for The Chewelah Independent. Mr. Nisbet is the author of the following books: *The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural history of the Northwest*, *The Mapmaker's Eye: David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau*, *Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson across Western North America*, *Purple Flat Top: In Pursuit of a Place*, *Singing Grass*, *Burning Sage: Discovering Washington's Shrub-Steppe* and *Visible Bones: Journeys Through Time in the Columbia River Country*,

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS****January 18-19 – Saturday/Sunday**

9:00 – 5:00 Wintering Over living history program at Fort Clatsop ‘Snugly fixed in their huts’ , with Pacific Northwest Living Historians

**February 1, Saturday**

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Chapter 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting in Tacoma at the Washington State History Museum 1911 Pacific Avenue. Speaker will be Robert & Arlene Zornes talking on their experiences with the BPA project at Celilo Falls. Bring items for silent auction, plus a small supply of 46th annual meeting T shirts will be available

**March 8, Saturday 6:00 – 10:00 PM**

Auction and dinner fundraiser ‘Tie Dyed and Bell Bottoms’ at the Columbia Gorge Interpretative Center Museum in Stevenson.

**March 20, Thursday 6:30 PM**

Dr Doug Wilson presenting ‘The River and the Company: How the fur trade affected the waterways in and around the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge’ at the Old Liberty Theater 113 North Main in Ridgefield, Washington. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

**May 24/25/26 2014**

Memorial Day weekend, meeting in Pasco area to review plans for 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, and dry run for those wanting to be bus speakers

**June 19 Thursday 6:30 PM**

‘The Modern River, Opportunities and Challenges’ at the Old Liberty Theater 113 North Main in Ridgefield, Washington. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

**August 3-6, 2104**

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Foundation meeting in Richland, Washington, sponsored by the Washington Chapter. More information in ‘We Proceeded On’, and the Foundation and Chapter websites. Registration begins March 1, 2014

**September 18 Thursday 6:30 PM**

‘Capturing the beauty and mystery of nature and wildlife through photography’ at the Old Liberty Theater 113 North Main in Ridgefield, Washington. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

## LOLO WORK WEEK 2013



Twenty-five hard working folks showed up again last summer to spend a week cutting brush on the trails, painting signs & outhouses and enjoying the Lolo Trail high Country. We had one 17 year old and the rest were 50 or older, many *quite-a-bit* older. They came from Arizona, California, Connecticut, England, Washington, and about half from Idaho.

Camp again was at the infamous **NoSeeEm** Meadows which this year did not live up to its name. This was the driest year ever, and the snows had vanished weeks before our time there. With the dry weather the work projects suffered from heat and dehydration was a constant concern.

The work included hiking more than 15 miles of trails, cutting brush that is growing into the trail, removing down trees and cleaning water bars. Our “outhouse group” oiled the log cabin outhouse at Rocky Point Lake Campground and repaired two other toilets along the high mountain route. They also painted the framework for several interpretive signs. In the future we will be rebuilding the



framework for the interpretative signs that were installed for the bicentennial. At 10 years of age the non-treated posts are rotting and need to be replaced.

Twenty-five people can eat a lot in 7 days and the food was good. Here Kathy and Shirley work on breakfast. We cooked our own food and did the cleanup after each meal. The morning challenge to getting out of camp on time (0730) involved not only eating and cleaning up but packing a large lunch. The evening campfire included an end of the day work round up and planning for the next day, but also included some of our own music - the "Lolo Trail Lament," stories, and other entertainment. Due to the early rise the next morning only a few die-hards stayed up past night fall to watch the August meteor showers.



### **Musings of your Idaho Chapter President:**

It's the New Year and time to plan our year of L&C events and to reflect on the condition of Lewis and Clark activities and events.

**MANAGING THE TWO ENDS OF THE STATE.** We are getting some activity in southern Idaho. We have to recognize that meetings are not going to be well attended by members from the other end of the state, so I think we will end up with a "southern cell" and a "northern cell" with one budget, one treasury, one newsletter and a set of officers. I think we need to think about our Chapter Officers and perhaps restructure. For example we need to have two active officers in each end of the state whose charge is to organize meetings & events. It takes two people to cover for one another for life events that get in the way of volunteer stuff. These organizers need to be supported by the state wide Secretary and Treasurer, and perhaps, the President. That means two people doing meeting planning and organizing in each end of the state. Since they will be committing chapter funds to pay for room and equipment rental, I think they should be elected officers. Sue Buchel is taking the lead in southern Idaho so I've appointed her as the Southern Idaho Lead (we need a better name). She needs someone to back her up, so give her a call and give her some help. Our bylaws call for elections every two years in odd numbered years, so we

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have a year to think about it. Another issue is elections. We held last year's (2013) election at the joint Chapter meeting in Orofino and had "reasonable" representation from around the state, but that's the only time it has happened in my tenure. I think we need to consider election by mail or email

**OFFICERS:** I've been chapter President for 10 years and it's time for new blood. It's also apparent my focus in recent years has been on the Lolo Trail, rather than the health of the chapter. So, we need to find someone to pick up the Presidency for our election next year.

**DUES:** We've had quite a discussion about dues over the past few years. Some say since we are sending our newsletter email we don't need a lot of money, so why bother to collect dues. Various fund raising events have expanded the treasury to where routine expenditures are adequately covered and we have a reserve. Others say, 1) if you are not willing to spend \$10 per year for dues you don't really believe in the group, and 2) It gives us a way to purge our membership lists as people move and have life changes; and 3) legally, we need to have "membership" and it must be based on something. At this point I fall into the latter camp, and suggest we go to \$10/ year with two year memberships; ie, \$20 for two years. I'd also like to have the Lolo Work Week people who pay \$50 each for the privilege of getting themselves to the mountains to work for a week to be automatic chapter members.

**WEB PAGE:** Kris is the Web master, but that means overseer. He should not be generating the stuff that goes into the web page. He is now also the national Web boss and does not have the time spend on our site. We need someone who can take over as the "gate keeper" and work with Chris to keep our site up to date. If you have some ideas please make a suggestion.

**TRI-CITIES ANNUAL MEETING:** I hope that most of us can attend the annual meeting in the Tri Cities and perhaps we can have a chapter meeting/ discussions which will resolve some of the issues discussed here. Then we can have a formal proposal for the fall newsletter and make a decision in the spring 2015 election.

**CHAPTER TRIPS/ TOURS and LOLO WORK WEEK:** In the past the Chapter hosted/ led trips on the Lolo Trail/ Lemi Pass and tours to L&C sites in the state and adjacent states. Around 2008 interest seemed to drop so I started the Lolo Work Week and stopped doing the other tours. Those who attended last spring's Tri-Chapter meeting at Weippe & to Salmon River had a good time, those unable to attend the Lolo Work Week are feeling left out, so I think it's time to consider some kind of a chapter trip/ event in 2014.

Last summer's Lolo Work Week went very well and we accomplished quite a bit. However, not many chapter members can devote a full week in mid-summer, so our workers come from many other states as well as Idaho. The work week is successful and needs to be continued, but we should perhaps think of one day service projects and some one day field trips, and allow the Lolo Work Week to continue. Many of us attended the work project at the mouth of Coulter's Creek about 10 years ago, which was a very successful one day work project.

So, we have a lot going on, and I'm thinking our past organization & structure is not up to the task. It's up to us to make the necessary changes. I'd appreciate hearing from you. Chuck

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*MEETING MINUTES:* 1 PM meeting held Oct 12, 2013 Room 115, Sacajawea Hall, LCSC, Lewiston, ID. The meeting had been scheduled for the National Park Services' Visitor Center in Spalding, but due to the Budget crisis and the Government Shutdown the meeting had to be moved to a different facility.

Priscilla Wegars gave a presentation: "As Rugged as the Terrain" on the Prison and internment camps at Glade Creek and their work on the Lewis and Clark Highway.

Following the presentation several guests left and the business meeting was opened by Chapter President Chuck Raddon. The other officer in attendance was Vice President Pat Rathmann. The Treasurer and Secretary were unable to attend so there was no Treasurers report or reading of past minutes.

1. **SUPPORT FOR 2014 ANNUAL MEETING:** Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to contribute \$200 to the 2014 Annual meeting Committee for support of that meeting and the National Board meeting.
2. **TAX EXEMPT STATUS:** The chapter failed to file needed annual reports in the past and lost it's 501.c(3) Tax Exempt status. There was a lively discussion about the need for Tax Exempt status. It will cost \$400 and some paperwork to regain the status. We are filed as a "non-profit" for the state of Idaho. The main reason to have the Federal Tax Exempt status is that someone might want to donate money to us. Without the status even seeking donations is a waste of time. Also, some granting institutions won't grant to us without the status. The IRS has been watching Tax Exempt groups with more diligence in recent years. MSC to re-file or whatever it will take to regain Tax Exempt Status. Steve Lee will head up the application process.
3. **INFORMATION TOPICS.**
  - a. **IDAHO GOVERNOR'S LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING** will be November 14 - 16 in Orofino. Pat Rathmann is now a member of the committee.
  - b. **2014 REGIONAL MEET** will be a cruise on the Willamette River hosted by the Oregon Chapter. Expected date will be in April.
  - c. **MEMBERSHIP RELATED:** At past meetings we had a membership flyer but no one present knew what happened to it. We need it at meetings. We also discussed a the need for a Face book page.
  - d. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** Everyone liked this facility, however the Park Service Visitor Center is free and the LCSC room costs \$30. Also, the LCSC room is carpeted, so food is not allowed, something that we need for Pomp's birthday bash each February. We have advertised November and February presentations at the NPS Spalding site. The 1912 Center in Moscow is free and is a nice facility, so perhaps we could hold an occasional meeting there.

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