

PRESS RELEASE

Lewis and Clark Living History at Knappton Cove Heritage Center

July 8th & 9th, 2017

Knappton Cove Heritage Center and the **Pacific Northwest Living Historians** (PNLH) will present a living history program on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9. During this two day event, costumed members of the PNLH will demonstrate the weapons, tools and skills employed by the explorers of the epic Lewis and Clark expedition.

Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark were sent by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory, and to seek the best route to the Pacific Ocean through what we now call the Pacific Northwest. During their voyage of 1804 – 1806, they led the “Corps of Northwestern Discovery” overland from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia River, and back again. With no means for resupply, the Corps – a U.S. Army unit of 31 men, accompanied by Sacagawea and her infant child, Jean Baptiste - needed to use a diverse combination of skills, along with the right tools, in order to survive.

Dressed in clothing of the style and materials worn by the voyagers of the Corps in 1805, PNLH interpreters will demonstrate and discuss many of those tools and skills, including:

- Loading and firing flintlock firearms
- Fire starting with flint and steel
- Camp cooking
- Making clothing from leather
- Making canoe paddles

Visitors will also learn the history and stories of the Lewis and Clark expedition: the native people who they met, the unfamiliar territory they travelled and mapped, and the strange new animals and plants they discovered.

Program times:

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Sunday

The Knappton Cove Heritage Center is located on State Route 401, along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, about 3 miles east of the north end of the Astoria-Megler bridge, and about 8 miles south of Naselle, WA. The museum inside the historic U.S. Quarantine Station building will be open from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. (3:00 P.M. Sunday) during the event.

The mission of the Knappton Cove Heritage Center is to promote, interpret and preserve the history of the historic U.S. Columbia River Quarantine Station - a National Historic Site - with an emphasis on the role of the U.S. Public Health Service.

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