



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Washington State Chapter Boy Scout Award

Introduction

The Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) is pleased to offer this award to individual members of Scout Troops and youth groups. Our purpose in doing this is to promote interest in and knowledge of the Lewis and Clark Trail. In addition we want young people to experience something about the trail and/or the expedition and to make a contribution to enhance, promote or preserve the trail and the story of Lewis and Clark.

The Award

Upon completion of activities which meet or exceed the requirements a youth will be presented with a colorful embroidered patch representing the scene that greeted the eyes of the expedition as they first glimpsed the Pacific Ocean and exclaimed, "Ocean in view, oh the joy!". This event took place at the mouth of the Columbia River in what is now the state of Washington on November 7, 1805.

Getting Started

The first step is to go to the Washington Chapter of the LCTHF website to obtain the instructions and application form. Carefully read the requirements. If you have any questions you may email the Chapter at: washingtonstate@lewisandclark.org.

When you have completed the application you can mail it to; Chapter Secretary, 201 South Wright Ct, Liberty Lake, WA 99019.

The Requirements

Five requirements must be met in order to complete the award. These have been designed to allow and encourage your creativity and individual interests as they relate to the Lewis and Clark Trail. We ask that you:

1. Do some research or investigation of the expedition and/or the trail.
2. Select an item or area of interest relating to the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery.
3. Have a learning experience related to the topic you have selected.
4. Record or respond to that experience in a journal format as Lewis and Clark did.
5. Complete some kind of service activity to help promote, enhance or preserve the trail.

Below you will find some ideas about things you might do to meet these requirements. It is not our intent to limit your activities to this list. We encourage you to come up with your own ideas to address or meet each requirement. If you are uncertain about your idea you may contact us to discuss your plan. We want you to do something in each of the five areas listed.

Upon completion submit your journal to our chapter for review.

Research/Investigate

Read a portion of the Journals.
Read a book or article about the L&C Expedition.
Search L&C sites on the Internet.
Interview a local historian, park ranger or member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.
Visit several Lewis and Clark websites.

Select

Based on your research choose a person or persons, place, section of the trail, event, piece of equipment or other item or event about which you would like to learn more.

Experience

Visit: a known Lewis and Clark site
a museum
Visitor Center
LCTHF chapter meeting

Interview:
a local L&C historian
an LCTHF member
a history teacher
a park ranger

Participate:
In an activity sponsored by LCTHF. (Check our chapter website for scheduled activities)
Learn to make or use an item that was used by L&C.
Hike, canoe or ride horseback on a portion of the trail.
Camp in a park along the trail in a traditional Native American tipi or lodge.
Volunteer at a museum, visitor center, wildlife refuge, historical event or Native American event.
Visit an animal related facility like a zoo, aquarium, wildlife refuge, Northwest Trek or similar facility. Look for animals that were seen and/or identified by Lewis and Clark.

Prepare a meal on a campfire using Native American or L&C recipes.
Visit an Native American cultural center or Pow Wow.

Record/Respond

In your journal write about each of your activities describing what you did, how it relates to the Lewis and Clark expedition and what you have learned or gained from the experience. Adding photographs of your experiences will enhance your record just as Lewis and Clark added maps and drawings to their journals

Serve

Participate in a trail or site cleanup activity
Put together a team to participate in the Foundation's Wellness Challenge. Go online to the LCTHF website for information.
Join the LCTHF and a local chapter.
Speak to your troop, class or an organized civic group about L&C and your experience.
Help develop or maintain a Lewis and Clark site.

When you believe that you have completed all of the requirements and recorded them in your journal, submit your journal to the Washington Chapter where it will be reviewed and your award issued.
When submitting your journal make sure to include your name, address, email address and phone number in case there are any questions regarding your experience.