

Monongahela River Chapter LCTHF

Boy Scout Patch

Requirements

Keeping a journal (1A) & visiting a site (1B) are required of all Scouts. All other requirements are optional, but at least two additional requirements must be completed, for a total of four to earn the patch. Of course, a Scout is welcome to do as many requirements beyond the necessary four as he may wish, if he has the desire & feels that it would enhance his experience.

- 1 A. Keep a journal of all activities done, working towards this patch.
- 1 B. Visit a Lewis & Clark historic site. If you live in Southwest Pa., it should be a local site: Friendship Hill, the home of Albert Gallitan; Loebbs Cemetery in Floreffe, where Meriwether Lewis was stationed during the Whiskey Rebellion; the site of John Walker's Boatyard in Elizabeth, where the Keelboat for the expedition was built; the North Shore bicycle trail in Pittsburgh, overlooking Brunot's Island, the location of the air gun incident; etc. If you live more than 50 miles from the Monongahela or Ohio rivers, you may visit a Lewis & Clark site local to you. Finally, if you live more than 200 miles from any Lewis & Clark site (which could be prior or post expedition; and could be in regards to any of the crew from 1803-1806, or President Jefferson), you may visit a late 1700's – 1840's site, & write an essay of how what you learned gave you a better understanding of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.
2. Research and prepare a menu for a dinner meal which would be appropriate to the time of Lewis & Clark. This could be food that would have been served by President Thomas Jefferson at Monticello in Virginia; or what Meriwether Lewis might have eaten in the hotel and tavern house operated under the "sign of the Red Lion", as he awaited completion of his keelboat. Another possibility would be a meal prepared by the explorers themselves, or something served to them by the American Indians they met along the trail. Record the menu in your journal and the references used in your research. Then alone, or with the help of family or members of your Scout unit, prepare and serve the meal for your family, patrol, or others. Record those that attended or participated in preparing, serving and consuming the meal. Was the meal prepared indoors, or over an open fire? Be sure to tell how good tasting it was and how you think the men of the expedition would have liked it.
3. Read a book about the Lewis & Clark Expedition, also called the Voyage of Northwest Discovery, 1803–1806. In your journal record the book title, author and report on the content of the book. The book can be documentary or

biography. Here are some suggested titles (but you can choose books not in this list).

For younger scouts:

Of Courage Undaunted: Across the Continent with Lewis & Clark

By: James Daugherty

The Viking Press; New York 1951

Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark

By: Patricia Reeder Eubank

Ideals Children's Books; Nashville, Tenn. 2002

For older scouts:

The History of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (3 vol.)

Edited by: Elliott Coues

Dover Publications, Inc.; New York 1893

Courageous Coulter and Companions

By: Lillian Ruth Coulter-Frick

1585 West 5th Street Washington, Mo. 63090 1997

The Conquest: the True Story of Lewis and Clark

By: Eva Emery Dye

A. C. McClury & Company; Chicago 1903

The Lewis & Clark Expedition

By: Richard L. Neuberger

Landmark Books, Random House; New York 1951

4. Make a presentation about the Lewis & Clark Expedition or some portion thereof to a school class, your troop, or another troop, a civic organization or church group; stressing the significance of the expedition. Record in your journal the research you did, what sources of information you used; and include a brief report on your presentation: how it was arranged, how it was received, and what you learned by giving the presentation.
5. Plan and take a ten mile hike, or twenty mile bicycle ride. These can be cumulative miles (does not have to be done in one trip). Record in your journals the mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, trees, shrubs and wild flowers that you find. Describe them in your journal as to color, markings, size and habitat. Also, record your trip plans, dates, any campsites used and other observations that you make, about your trip. This activity could be combined with making a map in requirement 7.

6. Plan and take a two hour (or longer) trip on water by canoe, rowboat, kayak, or any other non-motorized watercraft. Record in your journal: your trip plans, food, drinks, supplies and equipment. Also include: your point and time of departure, air and water temperature, water depth at a minimum of six places, point and time of arrival, and any other observations you made. This activity could be combined with making a map in requirement 7.
7. Draw a map covering at least one mile that you traveled on your hiking, bicycling, or boating adventure. Use dead reckoning to establish distances, just as William Clark did on the expedition. Include on your map: the scale, a marking for North, and the date. Record on your map and in your journal: the starting and finishing points, and any significant landmarks. Also record in your journal other observations you made along the way: rock formations, trees, streams, power lines, buildings, islands, sandbars, &c.
8. The men of the Lewis & Clark Expedition honed skills and talents which are very much akin to those that are fostered in Scouting. Explain how the Scouting spirit was present in the Expedition in one of these ways:
 - A. Explain how the L & C Expedition exemplified each of the points of the Scout Oath, and Scout Law.
 - B. The men of the Expedition did things as a part of their daily routine, that would earn a present day Scout merit badges and skill awards. Give a specific instance of this for two different badges (e.g.: camping; hiking; canoeing; Indian Lore; wilderness survival; pioneering; &c.)
9. Attend a meeting or a field day event of a local/regional Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Trail Heritage Foundation, such as the Monongahela River Chapter. Record in your journal a report of the activities of the chapter meeting, the program presented, and/or work accomplished at the meeting or field day.
10. Join a chapter of the LCTHF and participate in its events. Help with the preservation of the story of the Voyage of Discovery. For example, you could participate in maintenance of trail signage, maintenance of a chapter library, write a report on the accomplishments of a chapter financial grant, or help prepare an edition of a chapter newsletter. Record in your journal what chapter you joined, and include a report of what you did as a participating member over the time period of your membership in the chapter.
11. Serve as a member of a BSA Council Summer camp staff. Record in your journal a report on your participation in running the Summer camp session. Tell the name of the camp, your position, dates and number of boys in your sessions, and mention whether or not there was any connection between your service, and the Lewis & Clark Trail.

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Application

The following Cub Scout / Boy Scout / Varsity Scout / Venture Scout / Explorer is applying for the Monongahela River Chapter's Lewis & Clark Recognition Patch.

Name: _____
Unit # – Pack: _____ / Troop: _____ / Crew: _____ / Post: _____
Council: _____
Scout's Rank: _____
Scout's address: _____

Telephone # : (_____) _____

Requirements

Please indicate which requirements were completed & date completed.

<u>1 A</u> – Journal (required for all participants)	Date: _____
<u>1 B</u> – Site visit (required for all participants)	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____

Certified by: Scout Leader – Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Please attach copies of Scout's Journal for each requirement. (These can be Photostats, as they will not be returned when we mail out the patch.)

Cost of patch: \$ _____ Make checks payable to "Monongahela River Chapter, LCTHF".
This covers the cost of the patch, materials, & shipping.

Send application & payment to, L & C patch coordinator: Ed Falvo
1025 Pleasant Ave.
Port Vue, Penna. 15133
E-mail: EdwardFalvo@yahoo.com