

GREATER METRO ST. LOUIS COMMERATIVE AWARD PATCH

GREATER METRO ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

“The mission of the LCTHF is: As Keepers of the Story – Stewards of the Trail, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. provides national leadership in maintaining the integrity of the Trail and its story through stewardship, scholarship, education, partnership and cultural inclusiveness.”

The Greater Metro St. Louis LCTHF Chapter undertakes this mission in the territory of both sides of the Missouri and the Mississippi River between Hartford, Illinois on the east to Herman, Missouri to the west.

On August 6, 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Boy Scouts of America and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation was signed. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a general framework for cooperation between the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., and the Boy Scouts of America. Through this MOU the Foundation and BSA will collaborate on projects and programs that interpret the stories of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and provide stewardship of the Lewis and Clark national Historic Trail.

The Lewis and Clark Trail also is an auto route with distinctive road signs that follows the water route, mostly along the Missouri River, taken by the Corps of Discovery. In Missouri, the Katy Trail State Park also follows the route of the expedition from St. Charles westward to Boonville.

The Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter wants to encourage Boy Scouts to learn more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition by offering an embroidered patch. By way of an agreement with the Greater St. Louis Council, BSA, this patch can be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers and Venture Scouts. Requirements to earn this patch follow and should be completed with certification by the scout leader. An application form is attached.

Requirements

Requirement #1 is required of all Scouts. Requirement #2 select one from locations listed. At least one additional requirement must be completed. Select from #6 through #12 for a total of three, to earn the patch.

Items and places to select from:

1. Visit the St. Charles Lewis and Clark Boathouse and Nature Center on the Missouri River, including viewing the replica boats stored there and the Museum and gift shop in the building. Also visit Frontier Park, the place where the Corps of Discovery camped. Visit the new statue in the park, depicting the two Captains and Seaman the Newfoundland dog. Record in your journal the artists and sculptors and what you thought about these observed items. Was there a docent or guide to explain things and answer questions? Be sure to visit the garden with plants that Lewis and Clark would have seen on their journey adjacent to the Boathouse. Take a tour and learn about the history of the expedition and of the bicentennial re-enactment of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles and record in your journal a report on your visit including date and anyone visiting with you. Take time to view the movie that is shown in the educational room, you will be able to see the re-enactors on their journey
2. Visit the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Hartford, Illinois with a replica of the winter camp 1803-04. Two miles further north at the intersection of US Highway 3 and 143, Woodrider, is Camp Du Bois where the Discovery Expedition wintered over 2003-04. This fort was built by Discovery Expedition members. You may also visit the newly erected Confluence Tower, overlooking the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers confluence.
3. Visit Camp Bellefontaine on the north side of St. Louis, where the Corps of Discovery stopped their first night in the Louisiana Purchase Territory after departing Camp Du Bois. They also stopped there on their return trip to obtain new uniforms.
4. Visit Bellefontaine cemetery where Capt Clark and many of the Clark family members are buried in north St. Louis County, Mo.
5. Visit the Arch grounds in downtown St. Louis with the Jefferson Expansion museum and the newly dedicated statue by the Eads Bridge of the "Captain's Return". It was erected to commemorate the 200th year re-enactment of the expedition. There are also several exhibits at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. Be sure you record in your journal what you have seen and learned.
6. Follow the Lewis and Clark Expedition's route along the river: Plan and take a twenty-mile hike, a fifty-mile bicycle trip or a fifty-mile canoe or boat trip along the Missouri River. These can be cumulative, miles, i.e. do not have to be done in one trip. Be observant. Record in your journal the animals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, trees,

shrubs and wild flowers that you are able to identify. Also record your trip plans, dates, campfires, campsites used, section (s) of the Trail traveled, menus, and other observations you make about your trip.

7. Read a book about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, also called the Voyage of Northwest Discovery, 1803-1806. In your journal record the book title, author and report on the content and value of the book. The book can be documentary, fiction or biography.

8. Compile early-1800 period attire suitable to portray a participant in the Corps of Discovery of Lewis and Clark. Remember only Lewis and Clark were officers, but your attire could also be for a regular army soldier, a new recruit, an engage' of the expedition or an American Indian encountered along the route. Using the clothing and accoutrements of that participant, make a presentation to some group, a scout troop, a LCTHF chapter, or a local historical society for example, telling how your attire is appropriate for the period and the role you play. Hint: It is best to have this written out in advance and practice making the presentation before your family for example. Record in your journal the research you did, with sources of information, how you acquired the components of your attire, if you made some and if you had help. Include a brief report on your visit to the group, how it was arranged, how it was received, and how you felt about playing the role.

9. Research and prepare a menu for a dinner meal which would be appropriate to the time of Lewis and Clark. This could be food that would have been served by President Thomas Jefferson or by the Chouteau Family of St. Louis on the return of Lewis and Clark. Another possibility would be a meal prepared by the explorers themselves, or something served to them by the Native Americans on 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 and 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.

10. Make a presentation about the Lewis and 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.

11. Serve as a staff member on the planning an carrying out of a BSA District Camporee with an 1800's historical theme and 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 and Clark Trail.

12. You can get on the Katy Trail at St. Charles, and hike along it, if you wish. Be sure to keep a record in your journal. For more information, be sure to consult the book, *Lewis and Clark in Missouri*, by Ann Rogers, 3rd Edition, 2002.

There is an annual Lewis and Clark Rendezvous at Frontier Park in St. Charles on the 3rd weekend in May, where you can see re-enactors in period uniforms, a military camp, black powder demonstrations, and enjoy the music of fife-and-drum corps. If possible, you should arrange your Troop calendar to include a weekend camping trip to St. Charles to coincide with that event.

Your journal will become a valuable keepsake of your experiences in regards to the Lewis and Clark Trail. In addition to a journal, you may wish to keep a scrapbook or notebook of materials, informational leaflets, notes and other materials you acquire as reference material for further public presentations. Be willing to share what you have learned with others during the third century of the Legacy of Lewis and Clark. Who knows? You might be alive for the 250th anniversary of the expedition in the years 2053-2056 and the opening of the Time Capsule in Jefferson City at the Trail Head Plaza!

Many of these requirements will fulfill requirements of many merit badges, trail patches, service hours, etc. Be sure to check the merit badge requirement book to see what else you have fulfilled by doing the work for this patch.

The application form for the Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter embroidered patch is part of this package of information. Please keep a copy of your approved application form you send to the Chapter when ordering the patch.

Geography

Geography is what Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery was all about: President Jefferson wanted information about the geography of the Louisiana Purchase and whether or not there was a water route to the Pacific Ocean. Natural sciences also were to be studied.

The Lewis and Clark Trail spans the North American continent, from Monticello, President Jefferson's home in Virginia, and Philadelphia, where Lewis took a "post-graduate course" in arts and sciences from the most knowledgeable men in America in 1803, to the Pacific coast of Oregon.

In Missouri, the Lewis and Clark Trail was entirely a water route from 1803 until their return to St. Louis in 1806, (with the exception of their Shawnee hunter, George Drewyer, who normally rode horseback parallel to the Missouri River). It also is a motor route, on highways across the state and across the country, marked with emblems showing the silhouettes of the two explorers. In addition, in Missouri, the Katy Trail State Park follows the Missouri River route from St. Charles to Boonville, a handy hiking trail for Scouts to follow.

The Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter territory lies in the Greater St. Louis Council of Boy Scouts of America, and these instructions are aimed at Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Council, BSA and the Lewis and Clark Council, BSA, in Illinois. Do not let that discourage Scouts from the Great Rivers Council, (Jefferson City) the Heart of America Council (Kansas City area) or other Scout Councils along the Lewis and Clark Trail or elsewhere from making an effort to earn the Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter embroidered patch. It is available to all who qualify.

Following are some information and websites on sites of Lewis & Clark in Missouri. You can search for Lewis and Clark and find a lot of websites.

www.lewisandclark.org This is the website for the National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

www.lewisandclark.net This is the website of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO. The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles is the group that re-enacted the entire journey in 2003-2006. The home of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles is located in the Boathouse and Nature Center on Riverside Drive in St. Charles, MO.

www.visitJeffersoncity.com This is the Jefferson City CVB website, click on guide to Jefferson City and scroll down for information on the trail head plaza.

www.lewisandclarkmo.com This is the MO Department of Natural Resources website with lots of listings of websites and a link to the map of Missouri.

For help with your requirements or any other questions, please e-mail Brigitte Bowers at brigitteandnorm@sbcglobal.net Please note the different spelling for Brigitte or your e-mail goes awry.

GREATER METRO ST. LOUIS AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter

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The following Cub Scout/Boy Scout/ Varsity Scout/Venture Scout/Explorer has completed the following list of requirements and thus earned the Greater Metro St. Louis Lewis and Clark Recognition Patch.

Name _____

Unit Number-Pack_____/Troop_____/Crew_____/Post_____

Scout's Rank_____

Scout's Address_____

Please indicate which requirements were completed and date completed.

Number 1 – Required for all participants. Date_____

Number 2 (second location to visit) Date_____

Number 3 Date_____

Certified by: Scout Leader: Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Please attach copies of the Scout's Journal for each requirement (can send by e-mail as copies will be returned with the patch).

Cost for Patch: \$4.00 per patch ordered. Make checks payable to Greater Metro Chapter, LCTHF. This covers the cost of the patch and shipping.

Send money and form to: Brigitte Bowers
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