

Lewis & Clark Commemorative Award Patch
Badger State Chapter
Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The mission of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is to be: “Keepers of the Story – Stewards of the Trail.” To accomplish this 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 Badger State Chapter undertakes this mission in the state of Wisconsin.

On August 6, 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. (LCTHF) was signed. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a general framework for cooperation between the LCTHF and the BSA. Through this MOU the LCTHF 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. A copy of this MOU is attached.

The Lewis and Clark Historic Trail is an auto route with distinctive road signs that follows the water route, mostly along the Ohio, Missouri and Columbia Rivers, taken by the expedition. While none of the Trail goes through the state of Wisconsin, Wisconsin does have some distinctive connections to the Lewis and Clark Expedition which are discussed in the “Patch Requirements”.

The Badger State Chapter wants to encourage Boy Scouts to learn more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition by offering them the opportunity to earn a commemorative award, embroidered patch. By way of an agreement with Wisconsin Councils of BSA, this patch can be earned by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers and Venturers. Requirements to earn this patch follow and should be completed with certification by the scout leader. An application form is attached. We are also hoping that school children and other youth organizations will want to work on these requirements. There are some requirements specific to scouting, but others will work for all youth. The teachers and youth leaders can act as counselors and sign off that the young people have done the requirements and kept their journals.

Requirements
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Requirement # 1 is required of all Scouts. All other requirements are optional, but at least two additional requirements must be completed for a total of three to earn a patch.

1. (Req'd) Maintain a journal of your efforts, preparations, explorations and discoveries which you experience in performing and completing the requirements for your patch.

Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and a number of the enlisted men on the expedition kept detailed journals about their experiences on the expedition. These journals have become the richest sources of the history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

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

Some suggested books are; "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose, "Wilderness Journey: The Life of William Clark" by William Foley, "The Lewis & Clark Journals, abridged" edited by Gary Moulton, "Lewis & Clark Among the Indians" by James Rhonda.

3. Make a presentation about the Lewis and Clark Expedition or some portion of the Expedition 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.
4. Plan and take a canoe trip on the Wisconsin or Fox Rivers. For applicants outside the state of Wisconsin, an equivalent river in their home state may be substituted. The trip must be at least one day in length. Record in your journal what efforts went into your planning and what items you took along. Include a description of the river segment you canoed and some of your experiences on the trip including any wildlife or plant life you encountered or identified.

The Lewis & Clark Expedition used various types of water craft, including dugout canoes, as their main method of travel and one of their main purposes was to find if there was potential for continuing the fur trade business. The Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, were part of the early fur trade and contributed greatly to Wisconsin's history and settlement.

5. Hike at least two segments of Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail. For applicants outside the state of Wisconsin, a hiking trail in their home state may be substituted. Record in your journal which segments you hiked, the type of terrain you

hiked over and what you observed along the Trail. What types of wildlife, trees, flowers and other plants did you observe? Was there trash on the trail? Did you pick it up?

For most of the Expedition, either Meriwether Lewis or William Clark led a small party of men on shore, following the main party who was traveling on the river. They recorded over 172 new plants 126 new species of animals in their journals.

6. Visit a Native American Mound site or Aztalan State Park, the site of early Native American settlement in Wisconsin. For applicants outside the state of Wisconsin a Native American site, museum exhibit or other Native American history in their home state may be substituted. Record in your journal what site you visited and what your impressions of the site were. What did you learn about these people? What do you think happened to them? In addition to Aztalan State Park, sites you might visit are Effigy National Monument in Iowa, across from Prairie du Chien and mound sites in and around Madison, WI.

Without the help of Native Americans, the Lewis and Clark Expedition would probably not have been successful. Their journals contain numerous descriptions of Native cultures and how they helped the expedition survive.

7. Visit the Wisconsin State Historical Society in Madison, WI and view documents of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, especially the original journal of Sgt. Charles Floyd, This may take some planning and research as the “Floyd Journal” may or may not be on display and you may have to request to see it ahead of time. Do some research on Sgt. Charles Floyd. Record in your journal what effort it took to see the journal or was it on public display; when did you see it and what did you learn about the journal and Sgt. Floyd. The “Floyd Journal” is probably Wisconsin’s greatest connection to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. For applicants outside the state of Wisconsin, research can be done on any of the Corps of Discovery sergeants, Charles Floyd, John Ordway, Nathaniel Pryor or Patrick Gass and record your research in your journal.
8. Visit a Lewis and Clark site or interpretive center on the Lewis and Clark Historic Trail. Record the location of the site in your journal. Was it a special trip to the site or a stop while you were on vacation to another area? What was on display at the site and what did you learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition at this site? Include photographs if you can.

Lewis and Clark basically traveled from Washington D.C. to the Fort Clatsop site in Oregon and today there are signs, interpretive sites, interpretive centers and museums which tell the story of the Expedition all along the trail. Interpretive centers are as close as Hartford, IL and Sioux City, IA. A map of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is available from the Badger State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation or the National Park Service.

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 served in family homes at the time of the expedition or food prepared by the explorers as they moved along

the trail or meals provided to them by 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? Was it eaten at the dinner table or while in a picnic or camp out surrounding? Record reactions to how it tasted and if you could live for nearly three years on the trail with these foods as the men of the expedition did.

10. Serve as a staff member on the planning and carrying out of a BSA camp out. In your journal, record a description of your participation, your position and what you did as well as the dates and theme of your camp out. Record any problems that came up and how you resolved them. Record how any of the skills you used or developed during this experience might relate to the skills learned and used by the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition who encamped in all seasons of the year.

Badger State Boy Scout Recognition Program
Badger State Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.
Patch Application Form

The following Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Varsity Scout/Venture Scout/Explorer has completed the following list of requirements and thus earned the Badger State Chapter Recognition Patch.

Name _____

Unit Number – Pack _____/Troop _____/Crew _____/Post _____

Scout's Rank _____

Please indicate which requirements were completed and date completed.

Number 1/Maintained Journal. Date completed _____
(Required of all participants)

Number _____ Date Completed _____
Number _____ Date Completed _____

Certified by: Scout Leader; Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

If possible, please attach copies or summaries of the Scout's Journal for each requirement (can be sent by email as copies will not be returned with the patch). This is not required but is a way for the Chapter to receive suggestions for improvement of the program.

Cost of the Patch and mailing: \$2.50 per patch ordered. Make checks payable to the Badger Chapter, LCTHF.

Send form(s) and check(s) to: Great Lakes Region
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