



Lewis & Clark Trail News
Bringing the Trail to Life
August 23, 2025



John Jengo, a winner in the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance's annual photo contest, has a discerning eye and a great reservoir of patience when it comes to capturing the images of the types of beautiful landscape and wild critters encountered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

His "Pacific Ocean Misty Sunset, Oregon" was one of 14 winning photos that will be published in the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance's 2026 calendar. The calendar is for sale for \$20 as a fundraiser for LCTA programs. [Order yours now.](#)

John took the Pacific Ocean Misty Sunset photo near Cannon Beach, Oregon, an area that William Clark, Sacagawea and a few others [visited in January 1806](#) to see a beached whale and acquire whale blubber and oil. John is a professional geologist and environmentalist. He has been a LCTA member since 1998. He has a soon-to-be-released book, *Scenes of Visionary Enchantment: The Geology of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, published by WSU Press. The book includes more than 60 of John's best photographs of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

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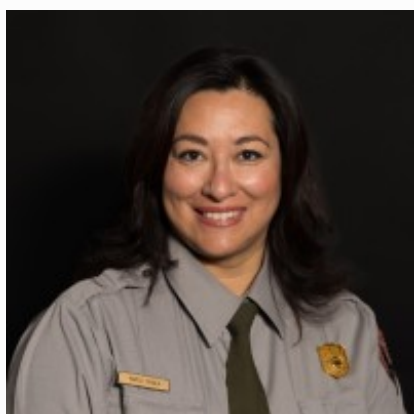
[Annual Gathering](#)

Kansas City, Missouri
September 14 - 17

A Special Visit from Our NPS Partners

This September, we're honored to welcome two familiar faces who help guide the [Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail's](#) future.

Neal Bedlan, Acting Superintendent, and Karla Sigala, Chief of Interpretation, will join us on Monday, September 15, to share what's new from the National Park Service and what lies ahead for the Trail we all care about.



We'll start the day with their presentation, then continue the conversation in the afternoon at the Chautauqua—an informal chance to chat, ask questions, and connect.

Come be part of the conversation, hear their stories, and show our NPS partners the warm LCTA welcome they deserve.

It's not too late to [REGISTER](#)

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Doris Kearns Goodwin

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker, and bestselling author. Her eighth book, *An Unfinished Love Story*, takes readers on the journey Doris and her husband, Richard (Dick) Goodwin, embarked upon as they delved into more than 300 boxes of letters and memorabilia that Dick had saved for over 50 years — an unparalleled personal time capsule of the 1960s.

[Oregon Historical Society Tickets](#)



Tuesday, September 9
7pm–8:30pm
Portland, Oregon

Play Lewis & Clark Trivia



Under the direction of William Clark in 1808, 80 dragoons constructed a military fort and trading post that became known as [Fort Osage](#), east of today's Kansas City, Mo.

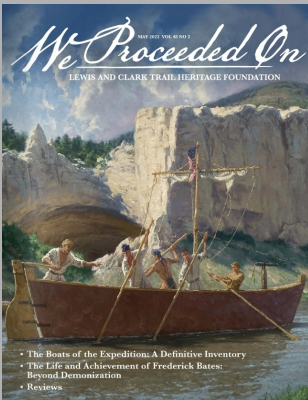
Who was the famous Native American woman who once spent a night at Fort Osage? The trivia contest winner will receive a copy of *Wind Hard from the West: The Lewis and Clark Expedition on the Snake and Columbia Rivers* by the late Robert Heacock, the author, and Kris Townsend, photographer. It's an excellent book that locates Lewis and Clark campsites and has tremendous artwork.

[Submit your answer](#)

The answer to the trivia question in our last newsletter is the [iron-framed boat](#), which was one of the watercraft that Meriwether Lewis left Pittsburgh with on Sept. 1, 1803. The winner of the drawing of correct responses was Rebecca Harriett. She won a copy of James P. Ronda's *Lewis and Clark Among the Indians*.

The trivia contest, started in our newsletter three issues ago, is gaining in popularity — and in scrutiny! A contestant in the last trivia question noted Lewis did not leave Pittsburgh with the big boat and two pirogues, as mentioned in the question. Lewis acquired one of the pirogues a week later in Wheeling, Va. (now West Virginia).

There was also discussion from respondents about whether the expedition's big boat was a keelboat or barge. That's an issue which has been debated over many years. Debate is always good and encouraged.



Learn More!

To learn more about the big boat, check out [this article](#) on our educational website, Discover Lewis & Clark.

To learn more about the many types of boats used and encountered on the Expedition - read Mark Jordan's excellent article from the May 2022 [We Proceeded On](#)

Photos of Sacagawea Artwork Needed

Our educational website, Discover Lewis & Clark, is updating the Sacagawea pages, and for one page, "[The Faces of Sacagawea](#)," you can help!

Send your original photos of Sacagawea statues and illustrations to dlc@lewisandclark.org. (New photographs of the artwork already on the page are welcome too.) Please include your name, photographer credit instructions, and the photo's date and location. Providing the artist's name and information is encouraged.

Finally, attaching separate photos for any placards or statue epigraphs is very helpful. Don't have anything? Then here's your excuse to get out on The Trail.

Our Latest Trip Inspiration - Fort Pierre and Pierre, South Dakota

Step into the pages of history where the Missouri and Bad rivers meet.



In [September 1804](#), the Lewis and Clark Expedition arrived at what is now Fort Pierre, marking their first council with the Teton Lakota—an encounter filled with tension, diplomacy, and cultural exchange. Today, the twin cities of Fort Pierre and Pierre invite you to explore this pivotal chapter of the Corps of Discovery's journey.

[Around Fort Pierre](#)

High Adventure Scouts retrace the Lewis and Clark expedition



Earlier this summer, scouts from local Scouting America Troop 16, which is based in Oak Park, Illinois, retraced a section of the original path that Lewis and Clark traveled through Montana. Seventeen scouts, four adults and 10 canoes traveled 150 miles down the Missouri River over the course of a week.



Watch

[How Watkuweis saved the Corps](#)

Discover the powerful and often-overlooked story of Watkuweis—a Nez Perce woman whose compassion changed the course of American history. Watkuweis's plea to her people to show kindness instead of hostility played a crucial role in the expedition's survival and success.



Watch

[Down the Columbia... "Ocean in view"](#)

Follow the Corps of Discovery on its dramatic descent down the mighty Columbia River in the fall of 1805. After more than a year of grueling travel through uncharted lands, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark finally catch sight of the broad waters leading to the Pacific Ocean — marking one of the most celebrated moments of their expedition.

Rewilding the American Prairie



American Prairie Director of Rewilding Dr. Daniel Kinka was featured on a recent episode of [Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom](#). The episode, titled "[Rewilding the American Prairie](#)," tells the inspiring story of bison and the important role they play, along with prairie dogs and burrowing owls, as ecosystem engineers to restore native grasslands.

[Watch](#)

BIG MEDICINE

YORK OUTDOORS

September 6, Hartford, Illinois
September 9 Columbia, Missouri
September 12, Hohenwald, Tennessee
September 17, Kansas City, Missouri
September 27, Richland, Washington
September 28, Missoula, Montana
October 2, Billings, Montana
October 10, Kansas City, Kansas
October 14, Great Falls, Montana
October 15, Troy, Idaho
October 16, Lewiston, Idaho
October 22, Portland, Oregon
October 25, Pendleton, Oregon
November 1, Newburgh, Indiana
December 4, Helena, Montana



New screenings being added - check the [Events Calendar](#) for updates



Native American Scenic Byway

The Native American Scenic Byway: These two historic highways, 1804 & 1806 follow the Missouri River north to south, cutting right among the scenic rolling hills and bluffs lining the river valley. It's a winding gorgeous cruise, treating you to sights of wild beauty you won't get on the interstate.

FUN FACT
the Byway highway numbers are
1804 and 1806

Much of the Byway additionally coincides with
the Lewis & Clark Trail.

Share the Adventure!



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Help us expand the community by sharing the newsletter with your network. Simply provide this [sign-up link](#) to friends, family, and fellow Trail enthusiasts.

See all the events on the [LCTE Events Calendar](#)



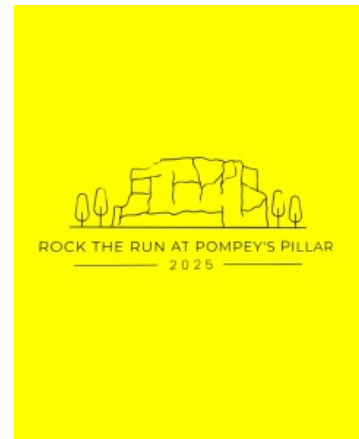
[Stagecoach Tales](#)

Sioux City, IA
August 24



[Cottage Tour](#)

Cannon Beach, OR
September 12 - 14



[Rock the Run](#)

Pompey's Pillar, MT
September 14

The Corps of Discovery

A Curriculum Guide

Our Learning Sites

With the new school year starting around the nation, this is a good time to remind students, teachers, homeschoolers, and other education-

minded people about two important resources offered by the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance: Our online [Corps of Discovery Curriculum Guide](#) and the [Discover Lewis & Clark](#) educational website.

Significantly updated in 2024, the curriculum guide is a tremendous free resource for middle-school educators. The guide has lesson plans and resources, as well as activities, for students in the 5th through 9th grades, the

grades when many schools teach about the expedition.

The guide is easy to use, historically accurate and multiculturally respectful—and it makes learning fun for students. ...”The guide focuses on how and why the expedition came about; the Native Americans encountered by the explorers; how the expedition navigated across a land where no maps existed; natural sciences; life skills; and many other topics.

Meanwhile, the [Discover Lewis & Clark](#) website is the world’s most comprehensive source of online information about the expedition and its time in history.

With more than 2,300 pages of all things Lewis and Clark, the website is accessed more than a million times a year by researchers, historians, students, and other education-seeking people. The information focuses on how the expedition’s story ties together American and Native American history, famous people, natural history, military history, and the challenges and excitement of exploration.

Articles are written in easy-to-read, in-depth styles by Lewis and Clark experts. Artwork accompanying the articles is done by the foremost artists and offers visual insights into the travels, skills and personalities of the explorers and Native Americans. The home page features a “day-by-day” look at what the explorers did on that specific day.



The Last Word

The Lewis and Clark story isn’t stuck in the past—it’s alive, evolving, and now, it fits in your pocket.

Through our two flagship platforms—the [Lewis and Clark Trail Experience](#) and [Discover Lewis and Clark](#)—we’re using interactive maps, AI-powered travel tools, and rich multimedia storytelling to inspire real-world adventures along the Trail, all on your mobile device and computer.

Last year, over 850,000 people joined us online—a 40% jump—and many took those next steps outside, exploring historic sites, attending events, and connecting with the landscape.

We’re proving that history can thrive in the digital age. But to keep up with demand, we need partners who believe in the power of exploration. Join us as a [member](#), or make a [gift](#) today, and you’ll help expand our digital library, strengthen our partnerships, and keep the story accessible to everyone, everywhere.

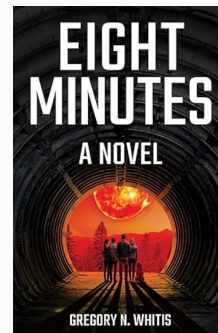
The Corps of Discovery didn’t travel alone. Neither can we.

Richard Hunt

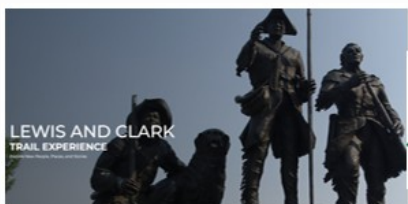
Member Publication

LCTA Member Greg Whitis has a new science fiction novel *Eight Minutes* available on Amazon. Check it out.

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