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"Arrival at Camp River Dubois" December 11 – 12 at Lewis and Clark

Commemorates the arrival anniversary of the Expedition

HARTFORD, IL – The 207th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at their Illinois winter camp will be celebrated during "Arrival at Camp River Dubois" scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois. Activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the Interpretive Center and at the replica of Camp River Dubois. The event is free and open to the public.

Several re-enactors portraying the soldiers of the expedition will share the difficulties, harshness, and boredom of living at the camp during the winter of 1803-04. The men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were dedicated to the success of the mission, and throughout Lewis and Clark referred to these men as "The Detachment." The present day "Detachment" is a group of living history enthusiasts who create a window of history to help visitors see the everyday life of these soldiers.

Several exhibitors will be located inside the Interpretive Center. These include Glenn Weaver, whose Native American artifacts were collected throughout Madison and Jersey Counties, including the present location of the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site; and Paul Imes, who will exhibit the medical tools used by Captain Lewis on the Expedition. Other exhibitors include: Mike Stout, who will display tools of the late 18th and early 19th centuries; Melissa Pinkley (Saturday Only) will display and discuss the art of dyeing wool and other fabrics; Bob Mitchell will exhibit his collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils of Illinois; Jim Duncan will show firearms and accoutrements carried by military men on the Expedition; and Ken Fowler will exhibit Native American and frontiersmen artifacts.

The Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, marks Site Number One on the National Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail. It features an Interpretive Center about the Illinois role in the Expedition, as well as

an accurate reconstruction of the camp from where the Expedition began. It is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for free public tours, and is located along Illinois Route 3 a few miles north of I-270 in Hartford, Illinois. The site will be closed December 25 and January 1 for the holidays.

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