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DESTINATION: THE PACIFIC

**4TH GRADE STUDENTS HELP LAUNCH ONLINE VOTE
AT STATION CAMP NOVEMBER 24, 2004**

CHINOOK, WA – Wednesday, November 24, starting at 9 AM, 4th Grade Students from selected Pacific and Clatsop County schools help launch **The Vote at Station Camp Online** with special programs at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Ilwaco. These activities are all part of the one-year countdown to **Destination: The Pacific**, the nationally sanctioned Signature Event for Oregon and Washington commemorating the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

History of The Vote

On November 24, 1805, Captains Lewis and Clark were prepared to begin their journey home by setting up a winter camp. Members of the Corps along with Sacagawea and Clark's slave, York, were polled and asked where to winter over: Head east to the Sandy River and the Falls or cross and examine the south shore of the Columbia River. In addition to demonstrating the Captains' management style, the vote was significant in that a black slave and Indian woman were also polled for their input.

The Vote November 24, 2004

On November 24, 2004, Pacific County students will meet at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) located at Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, Washington. Students will participate in a special presentation by filmmaker Ron

Craig on the significance of York and The Vote. Also speaking will be James Sayce, Project Coordinator for the construction of the new Station Camp park, and Brock Huddleston, seventh-grade student from Washington who was instrumental in naming a new elementary school in Vancouver's Evergreen School District for York. "Captain Clark," portrayed by Craig Rockwell, will close the session by calling upon specially selected students to cast their vote, which he will record in a journal. All students will then vote online as they depart for their schools.

The special activities on November 24 kick off the Online Vote created by **Destination: The Pacific** as part of its one-year countdown activities. Beginning November 24, anyone can log onto www.DestinationThePacific.com to learn about The Vote and to cast their own choice as to where to winter over. The purpose of the Online Vote is to help tell this significant story of the Lewis and Clark Journey and to encourage young people to consider how that Vote may have changed the history of the region and the expedition. In 2005 the online vote tallies will be included as part of the special commemoration of The Vote on Thanksgiving Day at Station Camp.

Bios

Filmmaker **Ron Craig** has a long history of involvement in both the artistic and educational communities of Portland, including serving as contributing artist and associate editor of *Spectrum Magazine of the Arts*, working with the Portland Community for UNICEF and serving as a board member of the North Portland History Project. His company, Filmworks Northwest, is involved in co-production of two documentaries with French public television, *Joseph Boulogne Le Chevalier de Saint-Georges* and a short travel art film titled *The First Time I Saw Paris*, and is currently filming two documentaries which will tell the story of York, *Who Was York? A New Look at the Lewis and Clark Expedition* and *Lewis and Clark: And Who Is That Black Man Standing Next to Clark?* Ron has also co-authored a children's book on York that will be published in 2005 by National Geographic Children's Book Division.

Brock Huddleston is a seventh grader and student body treasurer of Frontier Middle School in Vancouver, Washington. As the result of a compelling speech he made based on his own research, the school naming committee voted to name a new school in Vancouver's Evergreen School District in honor of York. York Elementary School opened for its first school year last fall. Brock enjoys playing basketball and dreams about becoming an astronaut and the first person to land on Mars.

The Vote – Itinerary

DATE: Wednesday, November 24, 2004

ITINERARY: 9 a.m. students arrive at LCIC

9:20 a.m. Program begins

James Sayce, Project Coordinator for the construction of Station Camp provides historical overview of The Vote and its significance

Ron Craig, producer of the film York, gives presentation about York and The Vote

Brock Huddleston, seventh grad student, talks about his involvement with getting a school named after York.

“Captain Clark” as portrayed by Craig Rockwell invites selected students to cast their vote for him to record in a journal.

Vote! Starting at 10 AM all students invited to cast their vote online.

Snacks and refreshments provided by the American Association of University Women. Additional support provided by Cape Disappointment State Park providing free admission to school children on November 24, Washington National Guard, Washington State Historical Society, Super 8 Motel in Long Beach, The Elliott Hotel in Astoria, Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, and Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association for Clatsop County.

Website and The Online Vote

The Online Vote and website for **Destination: The Pacific** is by Beachdog.com, a tourism marketing firm based in Long Beach, Washington. Beachdog.com also designed and developed the website for the new Lewis and Clark National Historical Park (www.lewisandclarknationalpark.com), the Long Beach Washington Peninsula Visitors Bureau (www.funbeach.com) and the Lewis County Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau (www.tourlewiscounty.com).

Destination: The Pacific

Destination: The Pacific takes place November 11—15, 2005, with a special commemoration of The Vote on November 24. DTP is one of fifteen Signature Events sanctioned by the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Signature Event activities include an opening ceremony at Fort Stevens State Park; Festival of the Pacific: Lewis and Clark Remembered at Clatsop County Fairgrounds; “Ocian in View” expanded in 2005 to include venues in Oregon; The National Park Service Corps of Discovery II in Long Beach; the dedication of Station Camp; and Consider The Columbia where plans are underway to bring 4500 people together to hold hands across the water on the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

Destination: The Pacific is a bi-state collaboration between Oregon and Washington. DTP consists of five partners: Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association for Clatsop County, Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Chinook Nation, and Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes.

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