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**LIVE LIFE ON THE EDGE...
OF THE 18TH CENTURY!**

**REGISTER FOR FIELD CAMP OF INSTRUCTIONS
OFFERED BY FORT CLATSOP NATIONAL MEMEORIAL
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ASTORIA, OR – Fort Clatsop National Memorial is recruiting members for its inaugural Field Camp of Instructions, a first-person living history training program. Taught by Living Museums of the West, this program offers a five day course about 18th century military and civilian life. A portion of this course is practical training by immersing participants in turn-of-the-century living, giving them an opportunity to experience first hand how life was at that time period. Field Camp of Instructions runs June 25 – 30, 2004 at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon. Registration fees start at \$325 and includes lodging, food, and basic supplies. The program is underwritten, in part, through generous grants from **Meyer Memorial Trust and Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Oregon**. For details and registration information call (503) 861-4422.

Two camp experiences are being offered: 18th Century Military Camp and 18th Century Civilian Camp. Meals are provided, with both modern and period food. Participants receive classroom instruction of the time period, cultural and period dress lessons, and they get to keep dress and accessory items they make during the program. College credit is offered through Lewis and Clark College in Oregon.

Graduates of the Military Camp are eligible to participate in Fort Clatsop's living history program being developed for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event activities. All participants are eligible for volunteer opportunities through Fort Clatsop and **Destination: The Pacific**, the organization producing the Bicentennial Signature Event.

Registration Fees

Early registration (by April 15th): \$325

Regular registration (by May 30th): \$375

Late registration (until full): \$450

Living Museums of the West has provided programs or training to the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, numerous state parks throughout the nation as well as for national and international 4 H groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and schools. Living Museums of the West is run by John C. F. Luzader, who has been involved with living history programs since 1961 where he has taught and worked throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe including Colonial Williamsburg, The American Cultural Center in Bath, England, and the H.M.S. Warrior in Bristol, England. He was selected in the Spring of 2001 to give guidance in living history techniques for Chinese National Parks and he is the author for numerous articles and professional papers including *Trail's End*,

Living History Magazine, *Interpedge*, and *The Black Powder Report*. Luzader's partner is Jerri S. Spellman, with more than ten years experience in the professional interpretive field. She is a native of Nebraska and has worked for National Park Service, is a speaker and presenter at professional conferences, and is the recipient of the 1996 Outstanding Interpretive Program Award from the National Association for Interpretation, Region 7.

Living History is the re-creation of particular periods of history utilizing living "interpreters," usually clothed and equipped with the correct accouterments of the depicted era. These representations are presented in three basic forms: first person, second person, and third person. Whereas Third and second person programs utilize tour guides, with the latter involving vignettes taking place in the background, first person interpretation involves and immerses the visitor. First-person living history programs require the participants to take on the historical persona. This could be either

a generic person of that era or a specific historic figure. Visitors interact with them as they go about their business. The interaction isn't scripted and offers visitors an opportunity to experience more closely what life and culture was like for that period.

The Field Camp of Instructions being offered by Fort Clatsop National Memorial is the first step in recruiting and training first-person interpreters. The Park's focus is on recruiting thirty-three men to take on the persona of members from the Lewis and Clark Expedition in preparation for Bicentennial activities. Since the Expedition was a military venture, the first Field Camp of Instructions offered is about Military Life at the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries. A corresponding Civilian Camp is also being offered.

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