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Holiday Open House

"Many exciting projects are underway relating to our region's rich history" stated the superintendent of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Chip Jenkins, as he announced the park's holiday open house Saturday December 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free admission.

Fort Clatsop will come alive with the sights and smells of the holidays. Visit the fort during the time when the Lewis and Clark Expedition stayed at the Pacific Ocean. The day will begin at the fort with a "volley of gunfire" at 10:30 a.m. to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, followed by another at 2:30 p.m. "Christmas 1805," a ranger talk about Christmas for the explorers at the fort, will be offered at 12:00 Noon. Daily Skills Demonstrations will occur throughout the day. Fire Starting at 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and rendering and making candles will be continuous from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "The Star Spangle Banner" retiring of the flag is at 3:30 p.m. and the day will conclude with a special candlelight "Christmas 1805" at 4:00 p.m.

After visiting the fort, warm-up in the visitor center with some hot cider and participate in hands-on children's activities, or at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. visit with Park Superintendent Chip Jenkins as he discusses the changes to the park. "Come join us, learn and share your ideas."

The park will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is free all day.

A unit of the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop is located southwest of Astoria, Oregon, three miles off U.S. Highway 101. The Park also maintains the Lewis and Clark Salt Works site near the Promenade in Seaside, OR. For further information, call the park at 503-861-2471 ext. 214 or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/focl.

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