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Lewis and Clark Saltmakers Return!

July 16-18, and August 20-22, 2004
5:00 pm Friday to 5:00 pm Sunday
Seaside, Oregon

The Lewis and Clark Saltmakers will return to the beach in Seaside, Oregon for the 4th season! The "Saltmakers Return" will be presented July 16-18 and August 20-22, Friday through Sunday. Historical Interpreters will be working continuously 24 hours a day from 5:00 pm Friday through 5:00 pm Sunday. Come and meet members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on the beach as they make salt from seawater. The Lewis and Clark Saltmakers camp will be on the beach at the west end of Avenue U in Seaside, Oregon. From Highway 101 take Avenue U to the beach. From the Promenade in Seaside, walk south to where Avenue U meets the beach.

The "Saltmakers Return" is a fun interactive learning opportunity for the whole family. Each weekend program is a 48-hour First-Person historical interpretation recreating the salt making operation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Visitors are encouraged to trade and talk with the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, at their camp on the beach, while they are tending the fires and boiling seawater to make salt.

This popular program attracts nearly 6,000 visitors each year. "The Saltmakers Return" is a true partnership program with its roots coming from the community" said Superintendent Chip Jenkins. In 2001 the Seaside Museum and Historical Society approached the park in hopes of establishing a partnership to make "The Saltmakers Return" happen. This is an excellent chance for people to participate in one of the many programs being developed for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. "For the most fun, bring something to trade with members of the expedition."

For more information, call the park at (503) 861-2471, ext 214 or contact the Seaside Museum and Historical Society at (503) 738-7065.

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