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THE LONG BEACH PENINSULA WILL HOST A WEEKEND OF FUN-FILLED FAMILY EVENTS COMPLEMENTING THE OFFICIAL LEWIS AND CLARK COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CEREMONIES

Lewis and Clark related activities to include interpretive hikes, field tours, storytelling, centennial kite fly, and more

LONG BEACH PENINSULA, Wash. – April 15, 2004 – The Long Beach Peninsula today announced a weekend of family activities complementing the United States Postal Service's first day of issue ceremony for the Lewis and Clark commemorative stamps.

The official stamp ceremonies, taking place at Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, will kick off the Lewis and Clark weekend activities. At 9:00 a.m., the Postal Service will issue the first release of the commemorative stamps at the enhanced Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Open to the public, the event will be followed by a similar ceremony at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in Astoria, Oregon, at noon.

After the ceremonies, travelers are invited to stay and play on the 28-mile long peninsula for a weekend of Lewis and Clark activities celebrating the history, journey and adventures of the explorers.

The full schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. Cape Disappointment State Park. Washington State Parks will host the US Postal Service's Commemorative Lewis and Clark First Day Issue Ceremony. The public is encouraged to attend, purchase stamps and have them postmarked.
- 7:00 p.m. Ilwaco Heritage Museum. Celebrated Lewis and Clark author and storyteller, Rex Ziak, will present "Hanging by a Thread" – the many factors

which perfectly aligned to help the Corps through the dangers of the trip. Suggested donation is \$5 per person; seating is on a first-come basis.

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16

- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ilwaco Heritage Museum. Lewis and Clark sites bus tours, narrated by Rex Ziak. Buses will depart from the Ilwaco Heritage Museum. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, please mail check made out to PCFLC, phone number and preferred date to P.O. Box 562, Long Beach, WA 98631, Attn. Joanne Talbott.
- Ongoing, Cape Disappointment State Park. A series of free Interpretive Hikes on subjects such as Birding at the Cape, Seastack Wildflowers and Ethnobotany of a Fog Forest. Tours of the North Head Lighthouse will also be available for \$1 per person. For times and location details, please access www.lewisandclarkwa.com, or call 1-800-451-2542.
- Saturday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Long Beach Bolstad beach access. A 1904 Lewis & Clark Centennial kite fly. Presented by the World Kite Museum, flyers will be launching replicas of the massive winged box kite that Silas Conyne flew at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, when he achieved the highest and longest fly in a competition against hot air balloons, gliders and other kites.
- Ongoing -- Select restaurants on the Long Beach Peninsula will be offering Lewis & Clark themed specials such as elk stew and wrapped venison loin on their menus.
- Ongoing, Discovery Trail. The Long Beach portion of Discovery Trail invites visitors to view a 20-foot bronze replica of Clark's Tree, an etched 9,000 pound columnar basalt monolith, and the skeleton of a gray whale in a segment of the trail starting at the Sid Snyder Blvd. beach access and ending near The Breakers.

Future Activities

Coming in November 2005, the Peninsula will be hosting "Destination: The Pacific," a nationally sanctioned Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration event, along with other communities from Long Beach to Cannon Beach. In November 2004, 'Ocian in View' – a Lewis and Clark educational weekend – will be highlighted by a presentation on the California condor.

The Long Beach Peninsula is the western terminus of the Lewis and Clark Trail. For more information and event updates, please access www.lewisandclarkwa.com or call the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542.

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