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**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 will help launch **The Vote at Station Camp Online** with special programs at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Ilwaco and by casting their own vote at Station Camp near Chinook, Washington. 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, up to forty selected students will meet "Captain Clark" as portrayed by Craig Rockwell to cast their own Vote as to where to winter over.

David Nicandri, Director of the Washington State Historical Society, will brief the students on the options facing the Corps, then be asked to present their vote to Captain Clark.

Following The Vote, the students will rejoin their classmates at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) located at Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, Washington. There, the students will see a web cast with Amy Mossett, Tribal Involvement Coordinator for the National Bicentennial Council, who will talk about Sacagawea and her role with the Corps. Mossett will be broadcasting from Fort Mandan where fourth-grade students from North Dakota will be hearing her presentation live. Fort Mandan is where the Corps wintered over during the winter of 1804-05. Following the webcast, students at LCIC will hear a presentation by black filmmaker Ron Craig on the significance of York and The Vote. Brock Huddleston, seventh-grade student from Washington, was instrumental in naming a new elementary school in Vancouver's Evergreen School District for York. Huddleston is one of the featured speakers and will talk about how everyone can make a difference, even kids.

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.

The kickoff at Station Camp is supported by **Destination: The Pacific**, the Washington National Guard, Cape Disappointment State Park, and the Washington State Historical Society.

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.

Amy Mossett, a member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes of North Dakota, is a nationally recognized scholar, consultant, and cultural interpreter on the life and legends of Sacagawea. She's traveled across the nation and abroad interpreting the life of Sacagawea, her role in the Lewis & Clark expedition and her life with the Hidatsa of the Knife River Earthlodge villages. Amy Mossett is employed as Tribal Involvement Coordinator for the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial and serves on the North Dakota Governor's Lewis & Clark Advisory Board.

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 – Proposed Itinerary

DATE: Wednesday, November 24, 2004

ITINERARY: 9 – 9:30 AM Vote at Station Camp with selected students taped by TVW

9 AM presentations & historical overview

9:15 Students cast their vote with Captain Clark

9:30 Bus picks up students & take to LCIC

9 AM 4th All Grade Students arrive at Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

9 – 9:10 Orientation

9:10 – 9:30 Student Activity and Snacks

9:30 – 10 AM students at LCIC view webcast of Amy Mossett

10 AM Ron Craig & Brock Huddleston do a presentation for students

10:30 Students free to explore L & C exhibit & enjoy snacks

11 AM program ends, students return to their schools

"Snacks and refreshments provided by the American Association of University Women. Additional support provided by the Washington National Guard, Washington State Historical Society, Super 8 Motel, Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, and Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association for Clatsop County."

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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