

Montana Museum of Railroad History, First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center - are open free of charge with special programming. Come out and visit the museums of Great Falls. Noon to 5:00 p.m. Free!

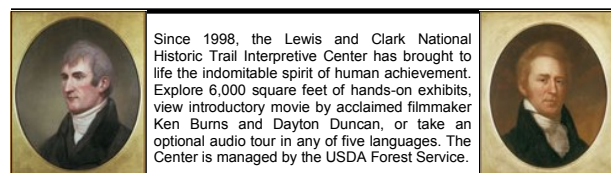
**April 27, 2012, Friday—Star Party.**

Monthly star gazing at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center from 6:00-10:00 p.m. with the Central Montana Astronomy Society [www.cmasweb.com](http://www.cmasweb.com). FREE! \*



**Additional Spring/Summer 2012 Events to be announced.**

*\*Star Parties: Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. monthly (during the winter) for a star-gazing experience with telescopes set up for public viewing. Star Party Extravaganza is run once yearly (in November) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [www.cmasweb.com](http://www.cmasweb.com)*



**Fees**

- \$8 adults (16 and older).
- \$6 scheduled group tours (restrictions apply).
- Free for children 15 and under.
- \$3 school group programs (reservations required, call the Center for a list of offerings).

Visit as often as you'd like each year, enjoy a discount in the Portage Cache and get a quarterly newsletter by becoming a member of the LC Foundation:

Individual Member - \$35  
Family Member - \$55

for additional membership levels, visit <http://www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org/>  
Gift passes also available; call for details.

**Winter Hours of Operation**

**October 1, 2011 - April 30, 2012**

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Closed Mondays

**Spring Hours of Operation**

**May 1, 2012 - May 24, 2012**

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

**Summer Hours of Operation**

**May 25, 2012 - September 30, 2012**

Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information on events and fees, call (406) 727-8733 or visit our website at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/lcnf/learning>

or email us at:

Mailroom\_R1\_Lewis\_and\_Clark@fs.fed.us

or

Visit us on Twitter: @FSLCICOFFICIAL

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center  
4201 Giant Springs Road  
Great Falls MT 59405-0900

**Upcoming Events**



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December 2011 - April 2012



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**Daily Interpretive Short Talks.** 15-minute talks at 30 minutes after the hour, immediately following an introductory film. Included with general admission.

**New Exhibit (Through Winter 2012) - Land on the Brink of Change,** now open. This new exhibit traces Isaac Stevens' railroad survey route across the northwest fifty years after the Corps of Discovery's travels. Stevens enlisted two artists to capture images of the western landscape. Lithograph reproductions by artists John Mix Stanley and Gustavus Sohon complement the exhibit panels. In addition to his railroad survey report, Isaac Stevens is perhaps most remembered for his role crafting treaties with the Plains and Coastal tribes in the 1850s. His actions resulted in the creation of many of today's Indian Reservations. While Lewis and Clark's exploration brought change to the west, arguably Isaac Stevens created the instruments that placed western Indian Tribes on the true *brink of change*.

**December 13, 2011, Tuesday—Lewis and Clark Discovery Lecture Series.** During the winter months, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center offers a series of informal seminars on different topics relating to the Lewis and Clark expedition and other local topics. Join Jeff LaRock for this month's program: "The War of 1812." America's second war with Great Britain was a tumultuous event in the history of the nation, but few people today remember much about our "Second War of Independence," or the participation of several of the men from the Lewis and Clark expedition in the battles and campaigns. Hear more at this illustrated talk.

The program lasts approximately one hour. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. FREE!



**January 10, 2012, Tuesday—Lewis and Clark Discovery Lecture Series.** During the winter months, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center offers a series of informal seminars on different topics relating to the Lewis and Clark expedition and other local topics. Join Alan Wiseman for this month's program "The Metis of Montana." The Metis people represent a melding of European and Native American cultures to form a vibrant new community. The Metis population is concentrated in Montana, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Come and hear more about this unique people. The program lasts approximately one hour. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. FREE!

**January 19, 2012, Thursday—Winter Film Festival "Corps of Discovery, Part 1."** Come and see "The Film Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center." This winter's series begins with the film that put the Interpretive Center on the map, Ken Burns' "Corps of Discovery." This miniseries on PBS brought the story of Lewis and Clark to the attention of the world. The first half of the program runs this week, with the conclusion to follow next week. This film runs at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. FREE.



**January 26, 2012, Thursday—Winter Film Festival "Corps of Discovery, Part 2."** Come and see "The Film Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center." This week features the conclusion of Ken Burns' "Corps of Discovery," the landmark film about the Lewis and Clark expedition. This film runs at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. FREE.

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**February 2, 2012, Thursday—Winter Film Festival "The Greatest Good."**

Come and see "The Film Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center." This week features a landmark film about the U.S. Forest Service -- "The Greatest Good." Come and learn more about the history of the U.S. Forest Service from its beginnings at the close of the 19th century through the beginning of the 21st.

This film runs at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. FREE.



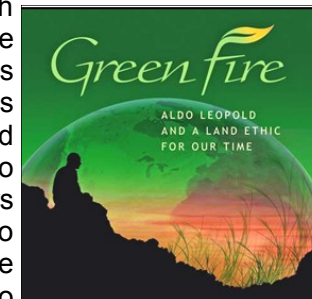
**February 9, 2012, Thursday—Winter Film Festival "Confluence of Time and Courage."**

Come and see "The Film Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center." This week features a landmark film from the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, "Confluence of Time and Courage." This film details the experiences of the Lewis and Clark expedition during 1805, including the grueling portage around the Great Falls of the Missouri. This film runs at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. FREE.

**February 14, 2012, Tuesday—Lewis and Clark Discovery Lecture Series.**

Join Darian Kath for this month's program "Lewis and Clark: Physicians and Apothecaries." Both Captains Lewis and Clark acted as physicians during the Expedition, but the science of medicine was quite different than today. Learn about early 19<sup>th</sup> Century medical practices and how it was adapted on the trail. The program lasts approximately one hour. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. FREE!

**February 16, 2012, Thursday—Winter Film Festival "Green Fire."** Come and see "The Film Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center." This week, the Festival concludes with "Green Fire." Aldo Leopold became one of the greatest voices for conservation in the latter half of the 20th century. Learn more about his life in this special program. This film runs at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Bank. FREE.



**February 24, 2012, Friday—Star Party.** Monthly star gazing at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center from 6:00-10:00 p.m. with the Central Montana Astronomy Society. FREE! \*

**March 13, 2012, Tuesday—Lewis and Clark Discovery Lecture Series "The Geology of Lewis and Clark."**

While the scientific aspects of the Lewis and Clark expedition are generally known, little attention gets paid to their geological observations. Hear more about this often-neglected subject. The program lasts approximately one hour. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. FREE!

**March 23, 2012, Friday—Star Party.** Monthly star gazing at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center from 6:00-10:00 p.m. with the Central Montana Astronomy Society. FREE! \*

**April 22, 2012, Sunday—Museum Sunday Sampler.**

Every year in April, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center joins with our fellow members of the Great Falls Museum Consortium to present the Museum Sunday Sampler. All of the member museums of the Consortium - the C.M. Russell Museum, Children's Museum of Montana, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, the History Museum, Galerie Trinitas, the Ursuline Center, the