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### Corps II Featured at Kaw Point

**(Kansas City, KS)** --- Two hundred years ago, and with six difficult weeks on the Missouri River behind them, the Lewis and Clark Expedition arrived at the mouth of the Kansas River. The expedition camped for three days on a point that today lies in the heart of the Kansas City Metro Area.



Aerial view of Corps of Discovery II

The mobile Bicentennial exhibit “Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future,” is led by the National Park Service. Corps II will be at Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point from June 26 through July 4.

Admission to Corps II is free. The hours of operation at Corps II will be:

- Saturday, June 26: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, June 27: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Monday, June 28: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 29: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 30: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, July 1: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday, July 2: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 3: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, July 4: 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Corps of Discovery II and Kaw Point will be the center of Lewis and Clark activities in Wyandotte County. Dozens of programs are scheduled for the “Tent of Many Voices” during the Corps II stay on the Kansas side of the Missouri River.

In addition to Corps of Discovery II, the St. Charles, MO-based Corps of Rediscovery and replica boats of the expedition will land at Kaw Point during the morning of June 26. The Corps of Rediscovery departed St. Charles in mid-May.

Featured presenters in the Tent of Many Voices include:

- Hassan Davis, 5 p.m. June 27, Berea, KY, living historian as York, the slave of Capt. William Clark.
- James Holmberg, 7 p.m. June 26, Louisville, KY, author and lecturer on Clark and York.
- Selene Phillips, 4 p.m. June 26, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior, living historian as Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who accompanied the expedition and served as a translator.
- Dr. Pete Cuppage, 7 p.m. June 28, St. Joseph, MO, retired physician and expert on medical aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
- Dwight Howe and Pierre Merrick, Omaha/Pomca Indians from South Dakota and Nebraska, presenting tribal history and culture.
- Fred Baker, Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota, History of Mandan/Hidatsa people in relation to Lewis and Clark; government relationships and natural resources.
- Dan Jack, History of the West from a Native American perspective; history of the Kaw (Kanza) people.
- Gary Mitchell, Kaw Tribe; History and Culture of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- John Thomas and Damon Williams of the Kickapoo Tribe; History of Kickapoo tribe; water resource issues.
- Bill Howell, Pawnee Tribe on Pawnee History and Culture.

Weekend shuttle buses will run to Kaw Point from downtown Kansas City, KS, and from Berkeley Park in downtown Kansas City, MO.

On the Kansas side, visitors can catch a shuttle at the overflow parking area at Fourth and Armstrong and on Minnesota Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Shuttle buses will run continuously from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 26 and 27 and July 3 and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4.

On the Missouri side, shuttles will run from Union Station and Berkeley Park in Kansas City to Kaw Point. Check the Journey Fourth Signature Event web site [www.journey4th.org](http://www.journey4th.org)

Corps of Discovery II is on a four-year tour of the United States. The tour began near Monticello, the Virginia home of President Thomas Jefferson. The tour continues along the Lewis and Clark Trail and select off-trail communities through September 2006.



Corps II is a collaborative effort involving thousands of people in federal and state agencies, American Indian tribes, private and nonprofit organizations and individual community volunteers. The National Park Service provides major funding, transportation, and support staff for Corps II through the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, based in Omaha, Nebraska.



Musical performance in the Tent of Many Voices

Corps of Discovery II arrives at each community in a colorful 18-wheel over the road rig. Crews from the NPS contractor, Legacy Transportation, along with Park Service employees and local volunteers pull the big tents out and set the exhibit up in 48 hours. The Kenworth tractor, moved off to the side, powers Corps II. The trailer becomes part of the Tent of Many Voices and contains the audio-video control room and theatre screen.

The free public exhibit provides opportunities for citizens of all ages to learn more about the legendary 1803-06 exploration and its significance in American history.

The Tent of Many Voices is a 150- to 200-seat auditorium designed for cultural arts demonstrations, folklore, music, living history presentations, reading from the expedition journals and more. Programs reflect a spectrum of nature, culture and history topics of particular interest along the Eastern Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Trail and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Cultural exploration and the changing landscape are important exhibit themes - cultures of American Indian tribes as well as ethnic groups that moved into the American West along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

From Kaw Point, Corps of Discovery II will head to St. Joseph, MO, Nebraska City, NE, then on to Omaha and Blair, NE, Macy, NE, and Sioux City, Iowa. The 2004 segment of the Corps II tour ends in Washburn, ND, site of the reconstructed Fort Mandan, the over-winter quarters of the Expedition from November 1804 to early April 1805

To learn more about the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail please visit these web sites:

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail [www.nps.gov/lecl](http://www.nps.gov/lecl)  
 Discovery Expedition of St. Charles [www.lewisandclark.net](http://www.lewisandclark.net)  
 Jefferson National Expansion Memorial [www.nps.gov/jeff](http://www.nps.gov/jeff)  
 Federal Interagency Lewis and Clark Partnership [www.lewisandclark200.gov](http://www.lewisandclark200.gov)  
 National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial [www.lewisandclark200.org](http://www.lewisandclark200.org)  
 Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)  
 Peter Kiewit Institute [www.lewisandclarknet.org](http://www.lewisandclarknet.org)

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