DEAR STUDENTS,

WE INVITE YOU TO TRAVEL TWO HUNDRED YEARS BACK INTO A TIME WHEN OUR COUNTRY WAS STILL BUT YET A CHILD HERSELF. WHEN OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON BELIEVED IN WHERE WE WERE GOING AS A COUNTRY. ROAM AND READ ABOUT THE DAYS IN WHAT YOU NOW KNOW AS YOUR GREAT STATE....NEBRASKA. ALONG THE WAY MAKE SURE AND DOCUMENT YOUR FINDINGS AS WE HAD TO DO ON A DAILY BASIS IN OUR JOURNALS.

SINCERELY,

MERIWETHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK
Dear Educator:

Thank you for choosing to visit the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Center. We will be expecting you on (date) ______________________ at (time) ____________________.

As you approach the building you will see a replica keelboat used on the expedition. Inside the self-guided center there are three levels of educational interactive exhibits based on the plants, animals and scientific discoveries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A 32 minute video entitled “We Proceeded on The Expedition of Lewis and Clark” is also offered as part of the centers tour.

Outside the center are three trails from which you can see the Missouri River and an asphalt trail to a replica Plains Indian Earth Lodge. Along the trails, many trees, grasses and wildflowers are identified. On the birding trail is a small amphitheater where you can hold a class session. A map of the trails is included in the teacher packet.

Depending on the size of your group and the number of adult sponsors, we suggest you divide the students into small groups and assign one adult to be in charge of each group. We have observed that with direct supervision, students gain knowledge while interacting with the centers exhibits. We also suggest that you make copies of the enclosed sets of questions for your students to complete as they tour the center.

When visiting the center there are a few rules we ask your group to follow. Please keep voices low in respect for other visitors who may be in the building, do not abuse the exhibits and do not touch the mounted animals. When outside please stay on the trails and/or sidewalks.

We have picnic facilities for groups of 40-50 people, water fountains, pop machine and gift shop. We look forward to interacting with your students as they tour the facility. If you are interested in scheduling a tour please contact us with information provided. If you scheduled a tour and are unable to tour the center on the date and time scheduled, please contact us as soon as possible, even if it the day of the tour.

Sincerely,

MRB LEWIS AND CLARK CENTER STAFF

SCHOOL RATES:  ADULTS $4.50
                  SENIORS $3.50
                  STUDENTS $3.00
                 TEACHERS, HOME SCHOOL PARENTS, BUS DRIVERS-NO CHARGE

HOME SCHOOL PARENTS/STUDENTS: Lewis & Clark worksheets area available on the following website-
http://homeschooling.about.com
To: Student’s & Parents of 6th Grade  
From: Mrs. Clark  
Re: 6th Grade Field trip  

The sixth grade class will be traveling to Nebraska City on Monday, May 8th.

The day is planned as follows:

- 8:15-Depart from Tri County
- 9:45-Arrive at the MRB Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
- 10:00-Keelboat
- 10:30-Earthlodge and trail hike to river view
- 11:00-Video
- 11:30-Sack Lunch outside in picnic area
- 12:00 Tour/Scavenger hunt of interpretive exhibits & gift shop (optional)
- 1:30-Load bus and depart Nebraska City
- 3:30-Dismissal

Students will need to bring $3.00 to cover the admission costs to the interpretive center. Please send money to school by Friday, May 5th.

Please send a sack lunch with your student on the day of the field trip. Extra spending money for the gift may be sent with students on that day also.

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___________my student __________________________ has permission to attend Neb. City field trip.

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Please sig and return: ________________________________________________
THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY
THE EXPEDITION OF LEWIS AND CLARK

The third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was very interested in the land west of the Mississippi River. He wanted a land route to the Pacific Ocean that would follow the Missouri and Columbia Rivers. These rivers would provide transportation that would assist in the establishment of a fur trade with the Native Americans. In 1803, Congress approved funds for an expedition to explore this land. In the meantime, Jefferson negotiated the purchase of the Louisiana Territory. The Louisiana Purchase nearly doubled the size of the United States. It included lands stretching from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border. This land insured that the people in the expedition would be traveling on American territory.

President Jefferson chose Meriwether Lewis, his private secretary, to lead the expedition. Lewis, a neighbor of Thomas Jefferson's, had grown up in Virginia. He was knowledgeable about plants and animals and was an Army Captain. Lewis chose his close friend, William Clark, to make the trip with him. Clark was born in Virginia but moved to the frontier of Kentucky. Clark served in the army and fought in the Indian Wars in the Northwest Territory. Both these men were experienced soldiers, had dealt with the Native Americans, and were accustomed to frontier life.

Lewis studied astronomy, botany, and medicine before departing on the expedition. He was responsible for gathering supplies for his men and materials to be used in trade on the journey. Lewis also took charge of the building of the boat that they would need to begin their journey. In December of 1803 William Clark went to St. Louis to begin enlisting men and soldiers to join the expedition. He sought strong, healthy men with diverse talents. They would need hunters, interpreters, and river experts.

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When Sacagawea was 12 years old, she was kidnapped by another Native American tribe. Later, the tribe sold her to Charbonneau and she became his bride. She could speak several Native American languages and knew the land, as well as native foods and herbs. The men realized what an asset her knowledge of the land and language skills would be and invited Sacagawea and her family to travel with them on the expedition. Sacagawea helped serve as a guide and an interpreter to the Native Americans. With her help, the expedition was able to get horses from the Shoshone tribe for the trip across the mountains. When they reached the Columbia River, they again traveled in boats. A year and a half after the expedition began, they reached the Pacific Ocean, at what is now Oregon.

On the trip back, the men separated to explore new lands. They joined each other at the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. Clark was shocked to learn that Lewis, who wore elk skin clothing, had been mistaken for an elk and had been shot by a hunter. Luckily, he survived. The expedition arrived back home September 23, 1806. The men explored 8,000 miles of territory. They had valuable records of the trip including maps of their routes, drawings of the scenery and journals documenting the whole trip. Congress rewarded the men by giving them land. Lewis became Governor of the Louisiana Territory and Clark became the Governor of the Missouri Territory.
SACAGAWEA *
1788? – 1813

Shoshone Interpreter, member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Born around 1788. Much about Sacagawea, the only woman on the Lewis and Clark Expedition into the American West, is a mystery. The daughter of a Shoshone Chief, it is not known exactly when she was born. Some sources say 1788 while others say 1786 and 1787. Around the age of 12 Sacagawea was captured by Hidatsa Indians, an enemy of the Shoshones. She was then sold to a French-Canadian trapper named Toussaint Charbonneau who made her one of his wives.

Sacagawea and her husband lived among the Hidatsa and Mandan Indians in the upper Missouri River (present day North Dakota). In November of 1804, an expedition led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark entered the area. Often called the Corps of Discovery, the expedition planned to explore newly acquired western lands and find a route to the Pacific Ocean. The group built Fort Mandan, and elected to stay there for the winter. Lewis and Clark met Charbonneau and quickly hired him to serve as interpreter on their expedition. Even though she was pregnant with her first child, Sacagawea was to Accompany them on their mission. Lewis and Clark believed that her knowledge of the Shoshone language would help them later in their journey.

In February of 1805, Sacagawea gave birth to a son named Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Despite traveling with a newborn child during the trek, Sacagawea proved to be helpful in many ways. She was skilled at finding edible plants. When a boat she was riding in capsized, she was able to save some of its cargo, including important documents and supplies. She also served as symbol of peace. A group traveling with a woman and a child were treated with less suspicion than a group of men alone.

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After reaching the Pacific coast in November of 1805, Sacagawea was allowed to cast a vote along with other members of the expedition (including Clark's slave-York) for where they would build a fort to stay for the winter. It was the first time in American History that a woman and a black slave had voted. They built Fort Clatsop near present day Astoria, Oregon, and they remained there until March of the following year. Sacagawea, her husband, and her son remained with the expedition on the return trip east until they reached the Mandan Villages. During the journey, Clark became fond of her son Jean Baptiste, nicknaming him “Pomp” or “Pompey”. Clark also offered to help him get an education.

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Who was the oldest living member of the expedition dying at age 99?

What did you find interesting in the video?  
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
What advantage did a tepee have in your opinion?  
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
Describe how the floor map was drawn to scale.  
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
The Shoshone were also called the _________________ Indians.

How many words were recorded in the journals of Lewis and Clark?
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BASEMENT LEVEL

How much weight did the three boats carry on the journey? __________________________

Who were the people of the expedition?

2 ___________________________ 1 ___________________________

3 ___________________________ civilian interpreters

23 ___________________________ 1 ____________ & 1 ___________ dog

The Lewis and Clark was gone from May 14, 1804-September 23, 1806. How long did it take to complete the journey? ________________ years ________________ months ________________ days

TRAILS AND EARTH LODGE

Compare the means of transportation viewed from the river overlook. __________________________

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______________________________

Have everyone sit quietly for a few minutes. What do you hear now that you wouldn't have heard when Lewis and Clark were here?

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c. International Date Line

Which tribe helped the Corps recover after they came out of the mountains?

a. Nez Perce  
b. Shoshone  
c. Sioux

Who was the oldest living member of the expedition dying at age 99?

a. William Clark  
b. Patrick Gass  
c. Sacagawea

What did you find interesting in the video?

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What advantage did a tepee have in your opinion?

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Describe how the floor map was drawn to scale.

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The Shoshone were also called the ________________ Indians.

How many words were recorded in the journals of Lewis and Clark?

__________________________________________________________________________________________
BASEMENT LEVEL

How much weight did the three boats carry on the journey? _______________________________

Who were the people of the expedition?

2 ___________________________ 1 __________________________
3 ___________________________ ___________________________ civilian interpreters
23 ___________________________ 1 ___________ & 1 ___________ dog

The Lewis and Clark was gone from May 14, 1804-September 23, 1806. How long did it take to complete the journey? ____________ years _________ months _________ days

TRAILS AND EARTH LODGE

Compare the means of transportation viewed from the river overlook. __________________________

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Have everyone sit quietly for a few minutes. What do you hear now that you wouldn't have heard when Lewis and Clark were here?

What would happen to the land if the river were to flood?

________________________________________________________________________

Write a descriptive journal about the nature you've witnessed or the earth lodge once inhabited by the Native Americans.
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN LEWIS & CLARK
DISCOVERY CHALLENGE

STUDENT NAME: __________________________

KEELBOAT:
1. What is the length of the keelboat?  
   a. 80 ft.  b. 55 ft.  c. 62 ft.  d. 48 ft.
2. How was the keelboat maneuvered on the river?  
   a. rowing  b. sailing  c. pushing  d. outboard motor
3. In what city was original keelboat built?  
4. How many tons of cargo could the keelboat carry?  
   a. 13  b. 19  c. 6  d. 30
5. What is the name of the dog that went along on the expedition?  
   a. Seaman  b. Fido  c. Rover

MAIN LEVEL:
1. Which member of the Corp was the best fisherman?  
2. The white pirogue was in what National Geographic movie?  
3. William Clark was excellent at “dead reckoning”. What is dead reckoning?
   a. deciding if a person/animal is dead or alive  b. asking directions  c. ability to estimate distance
4. What breed of dog did Captain Lewis choose for the expedition?
5. The Meriwether Lewis branding iron was used [primarily to brand?  
   a. trees  b. cattle  c. deer
6. A source of danger to the expedition’s boats were trees, roots and/or branches sticking out of the 
   water or just below the surface. These sources of danger were called?
   a. snags  b. crags  c. bags  d. all of these
7. What kind of animal is Pee Dee?  
   a. black tail-prairie dog  b. squirrel  c. beaver  d. marmot
8. Which bird was named after Captain Lewis?  
   a. robin  b. hawk  c. wren  d. none of these
9. How much money did Captain Lewis spend on medicine for the expedition?
   a. $90.69  b. $148.76  c. $1,010.00  d. $1.00
4. Four of the Lewis and Clark re-enactors that were here in 2006, were descendents of someone on the expedition. Which of the following did NOT have a descendent?

5. The Marias River is in which present day state? ________________________________

6. Where did Lewis and Clark see a Pacific Loon?  

7. The dugout canoe is made from wood from what kind of tree?  
   a. oak  b. maple  c. cottonwood

8. On the map of historic wood, which kind depicts the highest elevations in the Rocky Mountains?  
   a. walnut  b. birch  c. tamarack  d. elm

9. How much money did congress give to Captain Lewis to finance the expedition?  
   a. $250,000  b. $25,000  c. $2,500  d. no money at all

10. About how many Indian Tribes did Lewis & Clark encounter during the expedition?  
    a. 5  b. 10  c. 35  d. 50

11. How long did the expedition last?  
    a. less than a year  b. 28 months  c. 3 years  d. 6 months

12. The forge (a reproduction) was used by the expedition to make and repair weapons and tools.  
    Primarily used when the expedition was at:  
    a. Fort Clatsop  b. Fort Robinson  c. For Mandan

**UNDAUNTED ANGLERS:**

1. Which is NOT a type of salmon?  

2. On the north of the Columbia River, the Corp found a new species of fish called “white sturgeon”.  
    What was the length of this fish?  
    a. 18”  b. 6’  c. 10’  d. 20’

3. The “channel catfish” was found in what river?  
   a. Missouri  b. Snake  c. Columbia  d. So. Table Creek

4. The “Undaunted Angler” exhibit is a gift from? ________________________________
SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR LEWIS AND CLARK STUDIES

ACTIVITY A

Thomas Jefferson gave Captain Meriwether Lewis a detailed list of the things he wanted Lewis and Clark to find during their journey. As the explorers traveled across the continent, they encountered a number of new regions unknown to Thomas Jefferson and others living on the East Coast. Thomas Jefferson asked for the following information to be found and recorded.

- Plants and Animals unique to region
- Native Americans
  - Names of the Tribes
  - Traditions
  - Occupations
  - Food and Clothing
  - Shelter
- Natural resources
- Climate

ACTIVITY B

Ask students the question: “If you had been chosen to join the expedition, what would you have thought essential to pack?” Have students compare Lewis’s list with their own. Refer to Captain Lewis’s packing list.

ACTIVITY C

Thomas Jefferson required members of the Expedition to keep accurate and detailed journals. Have students keep a journal recording their daily activities.

ACTIVITY D

Lewis had planned to bring a theodolite on the journey in order to survey land and help with mapping. Upon further consideration, he concluded that it was too heavy an instrument and decided to use a sextant instead. Contact a local surveyor in your community and have him/her talk to your class about surveying and map-making.

ACTIVITY E

Have students write a letter to Thomas Jefferson describing in detail three things found in their immediate surroundings that would be unknown to him.

ACTIVITY F

What would students choose to send to Jefferson as examples of their current culture that he would not have seen before?
WE PROCEEDED ON: THE EXPEDITION OF LEWIS & CLARK
VIDEO QUESTIONS

1. The Expedition left Camp Wood near St. Louis in May of what year? _____________

2. Who was the only man to die on the Expedition and is buried near present day Sioux City, Iowa?

3. What did they call the fort they built where they spent the winter of 1804-1805?
   A. Fort Mandan  B. Fort Atkinson  C. Fort Clatsop

4. When traveling toward the Pacific Ocean, what imaginary line did they have to cross before traveling with the river current instead of against the current?
   A. Equator  B. Continental Divide  C. International Date Line

5. In the Bitterroot Mountains, because they were starving, they called a place Hungry Creek.
   Name two things they ate to stay alive. ________________________________

6. Which tribe helped the Corps recover after they came out of the mountains?
   A. Nez Perce  B. Shoshone  C. Sioux

7. What was the name of the fort they built on the south side of the Columbia River to spend the winter Of 1805-1806?
   A. Fort Mandan  B. Fort Kearney  C. Fort Clatsop

8. How many clear days without rain did they spend at this fort? _________________

9. The return trip was the same route as their trip to the ocean except that at one point they divided up and Lewis explored the ____________________________River while Clark explored the ____________________________River.

10. The Expedition returned to St. Louis in September of what year? ________________

11. Who was the oldest living member of the expedition dying at age 99? ______________

12. How old was Meriwether Lewis when he died? ___________________
KEELBOAT

1. b. 55 ft.
2. a. rowing/b. sailing
3. Pittsburgh
4. a. 13
5. a. Seaman

MAIN LEVEL

1. c. Pvt. Goodrich
2. c. Great Journey West with Lewis & Clark
3. c. the ability to estimate distance
4. c. Newfoundland
5. a. trees
6. a. snags
7. a. Black-tail prairie dog
8. d. none of these
9. a. $90.96

LOFT LEVEL

1. a. elk
2. b. Great Falls
3. a. 800 lbs.
4. c. white
5. you shall eat
6. a. cottonwood
7. b. Montana
8. b. 10/18/1994
9. a. 7/3/2004 & c. Nebraska City, NE

BASEMENT LEVEL

1. a. William Clark
2. a. 5-15ft.
3. b. 5
4. a. M. Lewis
5. c. Montana
6. c. Fort Clatsop

PLAINS INDIAN EARTH LODGE

1. c. 48FT.
2. c. Sioux
3. c. Smoke to escape

UNDAUNTED ANGLERS-LOFT LEVEL

1. b. steelhead
2. c. 10'
3. a. Missouri
4. c. Fly Fishing Federation

VIDEO QUES.-"WE PROCEEDED ON: THE EXPEDITION OF LEWIS/CLARK"

1. 1804
2. Sgt. Charles Floyd
3. Fort Mandan
4. Continental Divide
5. candles, tree bark, horses
6. Nez Perce
7. Fort Clatsop
8. 6 days
9. Marias River & Yellowstone River
10. 1806
11. Patrick Gass
12. 35
**Trailer Code**

**Birding**: Wood mulch surface, 790 ft. in length.

**DeBruce River Overlook**: Wood mulch surface, 521 ft. in length.

**Earth Lodge**: Asphalt surface, 514 ft. in length.

**Limestone Bluff**: Forest floor surface, 0.3 miles in length from patio back to patio, walking stick would be helpful.

**Meadow Trail**: Grass surface, from picnic area can be 1.5 to 2.0 miles in length.

From St. Benedict Cemetery, can be 0.5 to 1.0 miles in length.
The Adventures of Seaman

"Broker's" registered name is CH. Midnite Boy's Smart Asset, from the Midnite Bay Newfoundland Kennel, owners Mike & Reggie Schneider.
Background of the Breed - The Newfoundland breed of dogs evolved from dogs found originally in the Pyrenees Mountains of northeastern Spain. These dogs were developed by the Basque shepherds who occupied this region, and the dogs evolved originally from a European breed known as the Great Pyrenees. The Great Pyrenees dog was second only to the St. Bernard in size and weight. Fully grown, the Great Pyrenees would stand about 30 inches at the shoulder and weigh nearly 150 pounds.

Some of the Basques were fishermen, rather than shepherds, and eventually migrated to the plentiful Grand Banks fishing area off the coast of present-day Newfoundland, Canada. These Basques took with them on their ships the Great Pyrenees dogs. Being strong swimmers, the dogs were indispensable when needed for sea rescues.

Their swimming proficiencies in large part were due to their having webbed feet.

After a period of time, the Canadian Great Pyrenees dogs evolved into the Newfoundland breed as it is known today.

Appearance and Characteristics - Newfoundland are strong, active dogs that can be used for heavy work, yet have a gentle nature and make excellent pets. They are deep bodied, well muscled and coordinated. The head is large and the eyes are dark brown, relatively small and deep set. The tail of the Newfoundland is used as a rudder when swimming. The average height is 28 inches and the average weight is 150 pounds. They have a double coat which is water resistant. The outer coat is moderately long, but not shaggy. The under coat is soft and dense, but less so in summer months. The predominant color is black, although some have a tinge of bronze or a splash of white on the chest and toes.

References to Lewis' Newfoundland Dog in the Lewis and Clark Journals - Seaman proved to be a fine companion for Lewis and the other members of the Expedition. On more than one occasion he also contributed to the safety of Expedition members. The first mention of Lewis' dog in the Lewis and Clark Journals was in September of 1803 about ten days after Captain Lewis had taken possession of the keelboat in Pittsburgh and was proceeding down the Ohio River.

September 11, 1803: Lewis writes “...Observed anumber of squirrels swimming the Ohio and universally passing from the W. to the East shore...I made my dog take as many each day as I had occasion for, they were fat and I thought them when fryed a pleasant food... My dog was of the newfoundland breed and very active strong and docile, he would take the squirrels in the water kill them and swimming bring them in his mouth to the boat.” (Moulton, Vol. 2)

November 6, 1803: Lewis' journal for the day recounts “...one of the Shawnees a respectable looking Indian offered me three beverskins for my dog with which he appeared much pleased, the dog was of the newfoundland breed one that I prised much for his docility and qualifications generally for my journey and of course there was no bargain, I had given $20 for this dog myself...” (Moulton, Vol. 2)
August 25, 1804: Clark reports, while a small party of men pay a visit to an “Indian Spirit” mound, that “our dog was so Heeted & fatigued we was obliged Send him back to the Creek (near their boat)...” (Moulton, Vol. 2)

April 18, 1805: “...one man killed another goose... Scannon...(pulled the goose) out (it is presumed, of the river)...” (Ordway)

April 25, 1805: Lewis reports “…my dog had been absent during the night, and I was fearful we had lost him altogether, however much to my satisfaction he joined us at 80clock this morning.” (Moulton, Vol. 4)

April 26, 1805: “…Saw a flock of Goats (possibly ante-lopes) swimming the river this morning...Cap Lewises dog Scamon took after them (and) caught one in the River...Drowned & killed it and Swam to Shore with it.” (Ordway)

May 19, 1805: “Semon Cap Lewiss dog got bit by a beaver.” (Ordway)

May 29, 1805: “…in the course of last night we were alarmed By a Buffalow swimming across the opposite Shore...& went with great force up the bank to the fire where the men were sleeping & was within 18 inches of their heads...the dog flew at him which turned him from running against the lodge (in) which the officers layd...” (Ordway)

June 27, 1805: Lewis reports on Seaman’s assistance in keeping bears out of their camp in the evenings. “...a bear came within thirty yards of our camp last night...my dog seems to be in a constant state of alarm with these bear and keeps barking all night.”

July 26, 1805: Lewis records the pain and suffering that the Expedition members and his dog have from contact with thistle plants - “…these barbed seed thistles...penetrate our mockersons and leather leggings and give us great pain until removed...my dog suffers with them excessively, he is constantly biting and scratching himself as if in a rack of pain.” (Moulton, Vol. 4)

April 11, 1806: Indians try to steal Lewis’ dog and he records the episode as “…the Wah-cel-lars, stole my dog this evening, and took him towards their village (near the Columbia River)...(I) sent three men in pursuit of the thieves with orders if they made the least resistance...to fire on them...” The three men were able to overtake the Indians and reclaim the dog for Lewis. (Moulton, Vol. 7)

May 23, 1806: Clark reports that “Sergt. Pryor wounded a Deer at a lick near our Camp and our dog prosued it into the river.” (Moulton, Vol. 7)

July 15, 1806: Lewis comments on the vexing problem of “…mosquitoes continue to infest us in such manner that we can scarcely exist...my dog even howls with the torture he experiences from them...” (Moulton, Vol. 8) This is the last mention of the dog in any Lewis and Clark Journals.
After the Expedition - Lewis and Clark historians generally assume, although there is no historical record of the matter, that Lewis’ dog returned to St. Louis with the rest of the Expedition in September of 1806. What might have happened to him after that is also unknown.

What is the Correct Name of the Dog? - All editions of the Lewis and Clark Journals until the Moulton edition of 1986, as well as other Lewis and Clark publications during the same time period, refer to the name of the dog as being Scannon. The late Lewis and Clark historian Donald Jackson is credited with clarifying and “correcting” the name in an article published 1985.

As a result of research Jackson was doing at the time, related to Lewis and Clark geographic names, he became convinced that the correct name for Lewis’ dog should be Seaman. He felt that the spelling of the name as Scannon was based upon an incorrect interpretation of the original, hand-written journals. Jackson’s conclusion has been widely supported by Lewis and Clark historians since 1985.

Sources -


Daryll Hersemmann - 2004
FUN FACTS:

- The Native Americans believed that a woman's ability to have strong children was connected with the lodge.
- The four posts were painted in the sacred colors: red, white, black and yellow.
- Honoring the memory of deceased loved ones, hair and finger nail clippings were placed on the altar.
- Well built earth lodges could last up to two generations.
- Earth lodges were passed down to the eldest daughter from the mother.
- If two families occupied the same earth lodge, the earth lodge was divide in half and the responsibilities were shared equally between the families.
- The most common type of tree used in the construction of earth lodges in Eastern Nebraska was the cottonwood.
- Sacred songs were sung during the construction of the earth lodge to ensure its stability and safety.

Spiritual Meaning of the Earth Lodge:

The earth lodge not only supplied its occupants with shelter and safety but it was also central in promoting and maintaining ceremonies and traditions. The four central posts had specific meanings. The posts represented the Morning and Evening stars. Additional beliefs include that the four world pillars supported the sky. The Mandan tradition believed the earth lodge was alive and its spirit dwelt in the four posts.

Common representations of the earth lodge:

- The Roof = The Sky
- The Walls = The Horizon
- Central Posts = North Star or Milky Way
- Central Opening = The Great Mystery
- Lodge Fire = Spark from the Sun
INTRODUCTION: This earth lodge is a re-creation of a traditional communal dwelling primarily inhabited by numerous tribes of the Great Plains.

HISTORY: Earth lodges were used as permanent housing and first appeared in farming and trading tribes in 700 AD. They were built on bluffs so invaders could be seen.

TRIBES: Earth lodges were mostly used by the tribes of the Great Plains with similar structures used all over the United States and Alaska. The following tribes built earth lodges along the Missouri River: Omaha, Pawnee, Ponca, Sioux, Mandan, Osage, Otoe, Arikara, and Hidatsa.

CONSTRUCTION: An earth lodge was a large, permanent structure shaped as a circle. It was made of local resources including trees, prairie grass, sod, buffalo hides and willow rods. The construction of the earth lodge was a collaborative effort under taken by both the men and women of the tribe. The men were responsible for cutting, hauling and setting the posts and beams. The women were responsible for the binding, thatching and sodding of the exterior as well as maintaining the integrity of their earth lodge.

EARTH LODGE DIAGRAM

- The entrance always faces east due to the sunrise
- Wood and weapons were kept near the door where the young men slept
- Dogs slept near the door for security while the horses were corralled a short distance away
- The fire pit is located in the center so the smoke can escape through the opening in the dome shaped roof. The elder man slept nearest to the fire
- An altar is built to the west representing the evening star. Placed on the altar are sacred plants that include sage, sweet grass, tobacco and cedar
- Women and children slept on the west side of the lodge for protection
- A cache pit was dug into the floor where dried fruits and vegetables were stored
- The ground was tamped down and hardened by the use of water and fire

EXTERIOR:

- Smaller sticks, brush and grass combined with loose earth created a plaster shell that assisted in keeping the interior dry
- Organic shingles were created by overlapping sod
- Flowers were planted on the top of the earth lodge
- Children used the roof of the earth lodge as a playground
- Pits were dug to keep food cool
- Seasonal crops such as corn and squash were planted nearby
**EXAMPLE ITINERARIES**

9:00 am  
Start at Lewis & Clark Center  
(2 Hours)

11:00 am  
Kregel Windmill Museum  
(1.5 Hours)

12:30 pm  
Kimmel Orchard/Lunch  
(1.5 Hours)

9:00 am  
Start at Kimmel Orchard  
(1 Hour)

10:00 am  
Kregel Windmill Museum  
(1.5 hours)

11:30 am  
Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts  
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Lewis & Clark Center/Lunch  
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