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Fort Mandan Hosts Its Largest Annual Living History Event June 3rd and 4th

Washburn, N.D.—Next weekend, June 3 and 4, Fort Mandan will come vibrantly to life for Explorer Days. The festivities run from 10 am to 5 pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Historic reenactors will be encamped around the grounds showing the skills Lewis and Clark used to survive their epic journey. Guest speaker Kevin Locke will give daily interactive presentations on Plains Indian sign language, Lakota language, and more. Meanwhile, the Prairie Plein Air Artists will be active throughout the grounds capturing the scenery on canvas.

A special feature this year, youth ages 10-17 can get lessons in safely loading and firing a muzzleloader from the Missouri River Muzzleloaders on Sunday. Pre-registration is required and limited spaces are available. Interested parents/guardians should email the names and ages of all interested participants to lcic@nd.gov for further details. The training is funded by a grant from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation.

Student admission to Explorer Days and the rest of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center facilities is free thanks to a grant from MDU Resources Foundation. Other admissions are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for adults with a North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department annual vehicle pass, and free for members of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation.

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center is located 40 miles north of Bismarck at the intersection of US 83 and ND 200A in Washburn. Fort Mandan is located 2 miles west of the Interpretive Center on McLean County 17.

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