



Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri

Bishop's Landing - 1050 S. Riverside Drive - Saint Charles, Missouri 63301 - www.lewisandclark.net

2012 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBERS (Non-Reenactor): complete only the form on page 1.

NEW MEMBERS (Reenactor): Complete the membership information on pages 1 thru 5, signing page 2.

Return the appropriate **completed forms**, along with your **annual membership fee** and **optional additional tax Deductible donation** to the address at the bottom of this page.

Basic New DESC Membership	\$25.00
Additional Tax Deductible Donations	
Level	Amount
Corporal's Club	\$50.00
Sergeant's Club	\$100.00
Captain's Club	\$500.00
Jefferson's Club	\$1000.00

Payment by check or money order payable to: DESC.

Yes No Have you ever been a member of DESC?

If yes, what years have you been a member of DESC? _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: () _____

_____ Work Phone: () _____

_____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax Number: () _____

Do not include my email address on roster list sent to all members.

Emergency Contact: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Return page 1 with your check or money order.

If you plan to be a Reenactor, also complete the membership information on pages 2 thru 5, sign and return pages 2 and 5; and keep pages 3 and 4 for your files.

**Membership Committee
Lewis & Clark Boat House And Nature Center
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Thank you for your commitment to participate in the historical re-enactment of the Lewis & Clark Expedition with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri (a Missouri non-profit organization, hereinafter "Discovery Expedition"). You have the opportunity to discover the rewards of this educational endeavor. As you understand, volunteer participants such as yourself will join in activities on the water and on shore to move boats, travel by land, camp and provide an educational experience for participants and visitors. As you acknowledge, these activities have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, instruction, or expertise can eliminate. Please understand that you are not required to do any work that you consider to be unsafe and advise supervisors that you consider it unsafe.

Upon recognition of the dangerous nature of the efforts involved and for the opportunity to participate in the activity of the Discovery Expedition, by signature below, you release and discharge the Discovery Expedition, and its directors, officers, employees and agents from liability. You covenant with them that you will never, individually or as legal guardians of participating individuals, institute any action at law or equity for any personal injuries, or injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of activity associated with the efforts of the Discovery Expedition, its successors and legal representatives. You further agree to indemnify and hold the Discovery Expedition harmless against any and all costs, damages, and expenses that may be incurred by them as a result of any lawsuit you might file against them.

We are excited about having you and/or your child engaged in this great journey with us. This endeavor is a group effort. There are others involved as a team, and subsequently, it is necessary for guidelines and policies to be established and followed so we can be most effective in accomplishing the mission and activities as a group. You acknowledge that you (and your child) have read and agree to abide by the current Enlistment Requirements and other guidelines and policies established by the Discovery Expedition. Updates are available on the website: www.lewisandclark.net

By signing below you acknowledge that you are responsible for any emergency medical, medical or health care costs incurred for you or any participants under your care. Supplemental insurance coverage beyond your medical or homeowners coverage such as Divers Alert Network (DAN) www.diveralertnetwork.org is also your responsibility to obtain.

Photographs, video and sound recordings of yourself and others in attendance and under your care may be made during activities. You authorize the use of such material by the Discovery Expedition for its purposes.

We anticipate a meaningful experience for all involved in historic re-enactments. We look forward to working alongside with you, and are grateful for your willingness to participate.

I have seen, read, and agree to the above.

Participant's Name: _____ (printed) Date: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (printed) Date: _____
(If member is under age 21)

Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell: _____



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Enlistment Requirements

1. The enlistment period is from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year.
2. The enlistment fee is \$25.00 per year. Your check, made out to The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, along with all completed, required enlistment forms is to be sent to the address shown on the Membership Information/enlistment form.
3. If you desire to provide additional support, you may make an additional donation (tax deductible) and be included as an annual member in one of our supporting Clubs.
4. Members may be provided a membership directory with each member's email address. If you wish to be excluded from this list, you must check the appropriate box on the **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION**.
5. To be a member of The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, you must be at least 18 years of age.
6. Junior memberships* are accepted for Boy Scouts ages 15 or older, provided they are accompanied by a parent and/or guardian who holds a current membership in the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles.
*NOTE: Due to insurance restrictions, Junior members can not be part of a boat crew on the river.
7. There are monthly meetings at the Boat House in St. Charles and newsletters, both for MEMBERS ONLY, which help keep members informed of the activities of the organization. All members are encouraged to attend these meetings if possible.
8. You will not be allowed to participate in any regard at any event without a valid membership card. Spouses are encouraged to join as Ground Crew if they will be spending any amount of time at DESC events or out with the Expedition. Our memberships are individual and do not include family members. Therefore, with the exception of children under 10 years of age, family members may be required to pay for their meals.
9. Debilitating illnesses and physical limitations may disqualify you as an active re-enactor. However, you are encouraged to join and assist the re-enactors as Ground Crew for those unable to participate as a regular crew member.
10. If you elect to be a re-enactor, you are required to dress in proper period clothing appropriate to their role on the expedition. Clothing and accoutrements must be in adherence to the manual and Outfitting 2005 (i.e. voyager, regular US Army, or Expedition recruit).
11. It is the re-enactor's responsibility to become well versed on the Lewis & Clark Expedition. You should be able to present oral presentations of at least 15 – 30 minutes. Ground Crew should be well versed, but presentations will not be necessary.

12. As you will be portraying an original crew member, it will be necessary for you to become familiar with that individual, and the life that he (she) lived.
13. Your crew companions have put a great deal of time and money into their impressions, and display items. Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated, and expulsion from the crew will result.
14. DESC activities require building comradery and positive interaction with public including children. Profanity and inappropriate behavior must be checked at all times. Consumption of alcohol will be limited to after hours. Excessive consumption of alcohol or in a manner which causes inappropriate behavior during participation in DESC activities is not acceptable. Failure to conform may result in dismissal.
15. You will be expected to be outdoors 24-7 when on the river, sleep under canvas, eat food cooked over an open fire, and keep yourself clean and healthy. If you have a weapon, it will be clean and ready for inspection at all times.
16. Your work duties are many, and you will be expected to complete assigned tasks as given by any Officer, Sergeant, Corporal, member of the Leadership Cadre or Boat Captain. Insubordination may result in consequences up to dismissal from the organization.
17. To make a voyage on the boats, you must be trained. There will be training events and voyages periodically to train personnel as crew members. Persons not trained will not be allowed to travel on the boats as a crew member. Ground crew personnel do not require boat training, unless they also plan to be on the boats.
18. Your word is your bond. We realize that some men can only participate for a week, others for two, three, or more. If you sign up to be on the river at a particular time, you are expected to schedule your time with the appropriate person and be there to fulfill your commitment to serve and participate to the fullest.
19. If you are going to leave the camp for any amount of time, etc., you must inform a member of the Leadership Cadre of your planned time away from camp so that they do not rely on your participation during said time.
20. You will be required to check in with the Leadership Cadre upon your arrival.
21. If you have not scheduled with the crew-scheduling manager and received confirmation, you may not be allowed to participate. It is imperative that strict adherence to scheduling procedures are followed.
22. Failure to adhere to the above requirements may result in probation, suspension, or dismissal from the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles. Grievance procedures are outlined in the Re-enactor's Policy Manual (available on the website: www.lewisandclark.net).



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DBA Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center**

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Member Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: ____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: () _____

_____ Work Phone: () _____

_____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax Number: () _____

Do you have any military Experience? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Do you have any Boy or Girl Scout Experience? ____ Yes ____ No Eagle Scout ____ Yes ____ No

Do you own a flintlock? _____ Years of Shooting? _____

Areas of History Studied: ____ Fr. & Indian War ____ Rev. War ____ Lewis & Clark
____ War of 1812 ____ Civil War ____ None, willing to learn

Re-enacting experience? Describe: _____

Work or Professional Experience? Describe:

Do you have any health conditions which may impact your ability to participate in DESC activities or for which medical care may be needed during activities? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Have you ever been convicted of an unlawful act other than a traffic violation? ____ Yes ____ No

List membership in other clubs and/or organizations you belong to: _____

Hobbies: _____

Primitive Skills: ____ sewing ____ shooting ____ trapping ____ leather work
____ gun building ____ canoeing ____ painting ____ music ____ primitive camping
____ blacksmithing ____ history ____ sailing ____ military ____ boat building

I submit that the above information is true. I will in no way hold the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri responsible for any and all accidents or injuries as indicated by my signature below and on Participation and Release Agreement. All activities I do are of my own free will and assumption of risk.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Referred to DESC by: _____