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## **Lewis and Clark training academy coming to New Orleans** *Teachers, park rangers, re-enactors and others can benefit, Dec. 5-6*

NEW ORLEANS – The Lewis and Clark Training Academy will come to New Orleans on Dec. 5-6, one of three training sessions offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the historic western expedition 200 years ago.

The event is free and open to the public at Hotel Monaco, 333 St. Charles Ave. It begins at 8:30 a.m. both days.

“The Lewis and Clark academy will interest those setting out to interpret the expedition,” said Michael Saucier of the Corps’ New Orleans District. “Park rangers, state and federal field-project staff, teachers and re-enactors.”

“They will learn from experts about food, music, medicine and obstacles encountered on the trail. Dr. Wilbur Meneray of Tulane University will speak about the Louisiana Purchase as a good or bad business deal,” Saucier said.

The Corps of Engineers is participating in the bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition because it manages waterways used for more than 1,100 miles of the water route. The Corps directly or indirectly manages more than 90 percent of the trail, and the expedition was an Army reconnaissance mission including exploring and mapping.

A session of the academy was offered Nov. 6-8 in South Sioux City, Nebraska. The third session will be offered Feb. 20-21 in Alton, Ill.

**Web site** of the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration:  
<http://www.lewisandclark200.org/>