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**DESTINATION: THE PACIFIC**  
**LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE**  
**AS PART OF ITS ONE-YEAR COUNTDOWN**  
**TO THE SIGNATURE EVENT!**

**ASTORIA, WA** – Destination: The Pacific (DTP) launches a new website today as it prepares for the one-year countdown to the nationally sanctioned Signature Event commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. New features of the website can be accessed at [www.DestinationThePacific.com](http://www.DestinationThePacific.com) and include:

- Updates about Signature Event activities
- Jr. Corps of Discovery online, including a quiz to test your Lewis & Clark IQ
- Bulletin Board for viewing and posting messages
- Volunteer Member sign-up
- Calendar of Events updated monthly
- News articles from the Commemorative Guide and other sources
- Useful links to a variety of Lewis and Clark related websites
- Online Store featuring commemorative stamps, Destination poster, York Poster designed by filmmaker Ron Craig, silver ingots, and bicycle maps.

In addition, **The Vote at Station Camp Online** launches November 24, 2004, offering an opportunity to cast your own vote about where to winter over. The Vote gets kicked off on Wednesday, November 24, starting at 9 AM, when 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from selected Pacific and Clatsop County schools inaugurate **The Vote at Station Camp Online** with special programs at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Ilwaco and by casting their own vote at Station Camp near Chinook, Washington, with “Captain Clark” portrayed by Craig Rockwell.

DTP is also planning to sell admission tickets online to Signature Event activities beginning February 2005. “The website is the portal for Oregon and Washington Signature Event news and information,” noted Executive Director Cyndi Mudge. “We want to engage people in our regional history and planning, so we’ve developed interactive elements designed to be both fun and informative.”

The website for **Destination: The Pacific** is by Beachdog.com, a tourism marketing firm based in Long Beach, Washington. Beachdog.com also designed and developed the website for the new Lewis and Clark National Historical Park ([www.lewisandclarknationalpark.com](http://www.lewisandclarknationalpark.com)), the Long Beach Washington Peninsula Visitors Bureau ([www.funbeach.com](http://www.funbeach.com)) and the Lewis County Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau ([www.tourlewiscounty.com](http://www.tourlewiscounty.com)).

**Destination: The Pacific** takes place November 11—15, 2005, with a special commemoration of The Vote at Station Camp on November 24, 2005. DTP is one of fifteen Signature Events sanctioned by the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Signature Event activities include an opening ceremony at Fort Stevens State Park, “Festival of the Pacific: Lewis and Clark Remembered” at Clatsop County Fairgrounds, “Ocian in View” expanded in 2005 to include venues in Oregon, The National Park Service Corps of Discovery II in Long Beach, the dedication of Station Camp, and “Consider The Columbia” where plans are underway to bring 4500 people together to hold hands across the water on the Astoria-Megler Bridge.

**Destination: The Pacific** is a collaboration between Oregon and Washington states. DTP consists of five partners: Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association for Clatsop County, Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Chinook Nation, and Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes.

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