

# Corps of Discovery re-enactors find that history does repeat itself

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## ARROW ROCK

Capt. William Clark, in a journal entry dated June 9, 1804, noted that "immense trees" and other "snags" threatened the progress of the Corps of Discovery as he and Meriwether Lewis made their way up the Missouri River near here.

History repeated itself 200 years later Tuesday when a muddy log-

jam kept Corps of Discovery re-enactors from landing as scheduled.

Instead, they were forced to detour and dock their keelboat and two pirogue boats at the Lamine River crossing 10 highway miles south of here.

The crews of the two smaller vessels made their way to this tributary of the Missouri at about 9 a.m. But the keelboat, which had sustained mechanical problems, didn't make it in from Boonville until late afternoon.

Unfazed, one of the pirogue crews, including Capt. William Clark's great-great-great-great grandson, Churchill Clark, were driven to town and quickly went about setting up camp on the Hall House lawn.

The other crew members stayed

behind with the two boats. Capt. Lewis (Scott Mandrell) remained with his keelboat crew in Boonville.

This re-enactment was one in a series of commemorative events in Missouri this year that are marking the beginning of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark-led Corps of Discovery's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase territory.

President Thomas Jefferson commissioned the journey.

Mr. Clark, 40, helped supervise the encampment that consumed the large expanse of lawn on the same (north) side of the street as the small cluster of boardwalk shops to the west. The re-enactors are members of The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, so-named to prevent confusion with the

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Dianne Moran gives a presentation about Sacagawea on Tuesday at Arrow Rock.

