

Umatilla County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Committee

Community Profile:

Population 67,100

Location Umatilla County

Position Description:

Sponsor Umatilla County - Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Committee, Hermiston, OR

Supervisor Russell Dorran, Committee Chair

Assignment

The Umatilla County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners in 1998 to focus community recognition and participation on the coming national bicentennial celebration. The RARE Participant will serve as Coordinator of the Committee to assist in the organization and development of five possible project options, including: establishment of a Lewis & Clark interpretive center at Hat Rock State Park; development of an interpretive hiking trail along the Columbia River, following the Lewis & Clark route; and the design of interpretive kiosks and highway signage to attract and guide visitors to historic sites.

All the projects are designed to promote the significance of events that occurred during the Lewis & Clark journey at the actual sites found in this region. Through appropriate development of physical sites and other resources for their appreciation, interpretation, and understanding by the public, the greatest cultural and historical benefits can be achieved.

Required Skills

Knowledge and interest in American and Pacific Northwest history; ability to organize work and ideas; computer skills; ability to collect and manage data; written and verbal communication skills; public speaking.

RARE Member: *Brett Kelter - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Brett Kelter graduated in 1994 from the Friends World Program of Long Island University (at Southampton, NY) with a BA in Human Issues. His studies of psychology and modern dance included two years at the Friends World Latin American Center in San José, Costa Rica. Before moving to Eugene to pursue a masters degree in Community and Regional Planning, he worked as a receptionist in a homeless shelter health clinic in his hometown of Lexington, Kentucky. Brett has completed one year of graduate study in the UO planning program and is seeking to temper his class work with field experience in rural Oregon. In 1998-99, he served as a RARE volunteer with the Umatilla County Planning Department in Pendleton and worked on projects involving smoke management and waste tire cleanup. One of his goals is to facilitate sustainable community development through a balance of economics, ecology, and social equity. To that end, he is a fan of waste reduction and recycling, alternative energy sources, public transportation, responsible consumerism, appropriate technologies, and cross-cultural exchange.