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Learn about Sacagawea of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Native American program

Walla Walla, Wash. – Many stories about the journey of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery tell about a young Native American woman known as Sacagawea.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is offering the public an opportunity to attend a presentation by Capt. William Clark on the significance of Sacagawea to the expedition, Nov. 29, 11 a.m. – noon at the Walla Walla District Headquarters, 201 N. Third Avenue. The presentation is sponsored by the Walla Walla District Special Emphasis Program Committee and is part of the Native American Heritage Month activities the Corps holds each year as a federal agency.

Clark is portrayed by Craig Rockwell, an assistant natural resource manager at Clarkston, Wash. Rockwell, in costume as Clark, will tell the story of Sacagawea and her significance to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Sacagawea was only 14 years old and accompanied Toussaint Charboneau and their infant son. According to Rockwell, there are a lot of historical inaccuracies of this young Shoshone girl who was kidnapped by the Mandan-Hidatsa tribe and later either traded or sold to Charboneau.

Rockwell is a skilled storyteller and will have some items that are representative of what the Corps of Discovery brought with them and what they collected during their journey through the area. The presentation is free, open to the public and lasts one hour.

The Corps has an extensive Speaker's Program and this presentation and others can be requested online at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil>.

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