



Kick Off Press Conference  
Great Wolf Lodge  
Kansas City, Kansas  
March 31, 2004



Declaration of Independence Documentary  
with Kevin Wilmott  
Lawrence, Kansas  
April 24, 2004



Lewis & Clark Postal Stamp Dedication  
Atchison, Kansas  
May 14, 2004



Ft. Osage Interpretation Center  
Sibley, Missouri  
June 18, 2004



Kaw Point Dedication  
Kansas City, Kansas  
June 25, 2004



Tribal Flag Ceremony  
Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 2, 2004



Signature Event Opening  
Berkley Park  
Kansas City, Missouri  
July 3, 2004



Flag Parade at Signature Event  
Atchison, Kansas  
July 3, 2004



Closing Event  
with Bill Kurtis  
Atchison, Kansas  
July 4, 2004



Fireworks Display  
Atchison, Kansas  
July 4, 2004



HEART OF AMERICA  
*A Journey Fourth*  
A LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL SIGNATURE EVENT JULY 3 & 4, 2004  
KANSAS CITY ATCHISON LEAVENWORTH

**THE JOURNEY**

Just 28 years after America declared its independence, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark celebrated a unique Fourth of July here in what is now known as the Heart of the America. Exploring the unknown Northwest Territory for President Thomas Jefferson, the Corps of Discovery expedition launched from St. Louis on a historic route to the Pacific Ocean through uncharted land and rivers.

The first Independence Day observance west of the Mississippi in 1804 consisted of two blasts from a keelboat's cannon on the banks of the Missouri river just outside Atchison, Kansas. Over the next four years, President Jefferson's Corps of Discovery would travel thousands of miles in unknown territory, coming face to face with people no U.S. citizen had ever seen. Historians would soon publish numerous chronicles of the journey, scientists would marvel at the discoveries and sociologists would analyze its significance for years to come.



Meriwether Lewis



William Clark

© 2004 A Journey Fourth. All rights reserved

