



FUR TRADE ENCAMPMENT

SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 13~18, 2011

(SET~UP TWO DAYS EARLY: SEPT. 11 & 12)

COME CAMP ON THE BANKS OF THE MIGHTY COLUMBIA

WHERE THE RIVER MEETS THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

FREE FOR PERIOD CAMPERS AND TRADERS.

ASTORIA OUTPOST *CIRCA 1850s*



Astoria, Oregon Bicentennial 2011

The city of Astoria is commemorating the 200th anniversary of its founding as the oldest permanent U.S. settlement west of the Rockies. Commemorative activities and events will be taking place May 2011 through the summer with the culmination of a Grand Homecoming celebration. Included in these final activities will be a period fur trade encampment.

John Jacob Astor's party established the settlement of Astoria as a fur trading post at the mouth of the Columbia River to seize the fur market of the entire Columbia River basin for the United States and establish a Pacific trade that would extend north to Alaska and east to China. In its brief existence, Astor's Pacific Fur Company extended its trade to an area that included parts of modern Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. Astor's traders made contact with scores of Native American tribes over this vast area.

The mouth of the Columbia was home to the Clatsop and Chinook tribes, and the wealth of trade opportunities encouraged the mixing of many nationalities including Russian, Spanish, Hawaiian, British, French Canadians and Americans. This period encampment hopes to portray this dynamic period.

The campsite will be at Fort Stevens State Park in an undeveloped area on the banks of the Columbia River. The primitive camp will only be open to period camps. The site will be open to the public for viewing and will host numerous educational events. Local schools will be focusing on local history with classroom field trips to the site during the week. Period actors, seminar presenters and entertainers are encouraged to interpret local events and activities. Presentations may be at the campsite and or other venues. Period attendees will be encouraged to enjoy Astoria and environs in period dress. Also, we are looking into securing grant money for 1st person interpretation, seminar presenters and entertainers.

REMEMBER: No entry fee for period camping and trading.

Please save this date. Come share your expertise and love of history!
As more details become available they will be posted on our website at

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