

# School Group Program Guide

# 2016-2017

**PreK through Fifth Grade**

## LEWIS COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

& HOHENWALD DISCOVERY CENTER  
FEATURING THE MADDOX WILDLIFE COLLECTION



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# Explore the Past

## Meriwether Lewis

Learn of the Life History of MERIWETHER LEWIS and his untimely death in 1809 on the Natchez Trace at Grinders Stand.

On display are artifacts and memorabilia surrounding the life of the man for which Lewis County was named.

Lewis died from gunshot wounds while lodging at Grinders Stand on the Natchez Trace in present-day Lewis County. While the details of his journey from St. Louis to Grinder's Stand are generally accepted, how he met his end at this small log cabin in rural Tennessee remains in dispute.



View the collection of plant specimens Meriwether Lewis wrote about in his journals while on the Lewis and Clark Expedition Trail.



## Log Cabin

On the frontier, the one room log cabin was usually 16 X 20 feet square, built of round logs and chinked with mud. The cabin was sparsely furnished, containing a sleeping loft, fireplace, and floor of hard packed dirt.



## Mine

The arrival of the railroad and the discovery of phosphate and iron reserves spurred boomtowns in Lewis County, which included Gordonsburg, Allens Creek, Riverside, and Napier.

## Boyce Clinic

Dr. Boyce opened Boyce Clinic in Hohenwald, Tennessee in the late 1930's and delivered over 5000 babies in his forty-five years of medical practice. The exhibit includes instruments and photographs from his years of practice. It was Lewis County's first Hospital. The original building is on Park Avenue.



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# Explore the Wild

## Maddox Trophy Animal Collection



Go on safari around the world in the Dan Maddox Safari Adventure. Enter the African hut to begin your safari through this exhibit of rare and unique game animals.



You will view full mounts of the leopard, and the Marco Polo sheep, rarest of all big game animals. Admire tiny African Dik-Dik. You can easily spot the Mongolian Ibex, Jaguar, and the American cougar.





Africa's herbivores. Though horns serve many purposes, the animals primarily use them for dueling.



The seven most desired trophies in this collection are the Bongo, the Greater Kudu, the Lesser Kudu, the Sitatunga, the Mountain Nyala, The Plains Nyala, and the Bushbuck.

## Polar Bear International



Polar bears are fearless nomads of the Arctic ice flows. They are covered with dense fur and fat to keep warm. Fur on the pads of their feet provides traction.

The sow and cub are in a snow den, where the young are born in winter.



Polar Bears International has partnered with the Lewis County Museum to provide use of their educational videos with the display.



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## **Explore the Grounds**

### **Discovery Center Trail**



The outdoor discovery trail extends the study of how humans have adapted to the natural environment.



Visitors will see several natural living exhibits. The tree conservation area allows visitors to understand the important role trees have played in human survival. The butterfly garden contains plants that attract butterflies and small birds.

### **Shelter Reproduction**

A Chickasaw wigwam is being constructed. A palisade fort “Fort Oliver” is built on the pattern used by Lewis and Clark for Fort Mandan. It contains ten rooms and a central muster area.





## **Hensley Cabin**

An early 1800 era cabin allows visitors to experience the type of shelter built by early Tennessee settlers. An early 1900 era industrial building on the property is being preserved for future educational purposes.

## **Lewis Landmark**

The most historic artifact in the Discover Center is the stone landmark that covered the grave of explorer Meriwether Lewis for 150 years. Lewis is buried about eight miles from the Discovery Center. When the cairn was replaced with stones cut in 2000, the Discovery Center was able to obtain the original base to preserve it.



## **Historic Railway Depot**

Visitors will also see Hohenwald's historic 1896 train depot with a caboose nearby. The depot also contains some original furnishings and today houses the Hohenwald Marketplace and Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center.



**Location:**

The museum is located at 108 East Main Street,  
Hohenwald, TN 38462.

**Admission**

Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2

**Hours of Operation**

Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed: Holidays, January, February

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**Lesson Plans and Activities**

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