



Walk in Their Footsteps This Summer!

What's all the excitement about? Junior Rangers who visit Fort Stevens State Park this summer will be able to participate in even MORE fun activities this year. As you've probably heard by now, 2005 is the 200th anniversary of the fantastic Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition.

Led by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the expedition was responsible for exploring, documenting discoveries, and mapping the land west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. Lewis and Clark spent the long, soggy winter of 1805-06 at Fort Clatsop, just a short distance from Fort Stevens. You can visit a replica of the fort and imagine how crowded it must have been inside for everyone!

If you like to hike, there are some great trails in this area where you can learn about Lewis and Clark and retrace their steps in history. When the Corps members were on the coast, they spent a lot of time



at the beach boiling ocean water down to make salt. They used the salt to preserve meat from the elk they had hunted. This fall, the new Fort-to-Sea Trail will open, taking hikers from Fort Clatsop over to the ocean. You can walk right in the old footsteps of these salt makers, see the ocean views they saw, and explore the places they explored during their travels 200 years ago.

While on the search for food that winter so long ago, William Clark and some others hiked over Tillamook Head to get blubber from a blue whale that had washed ashore. Today, Ecola State Park is located where Clark made his trek over the headland, and now you can hike on the scenic Clatsop Loop trail, too.

You and your parents can go to www.oregonstateparks.org/park_188.php to download a map and fascinating brochure of the trail. It will help you to understand more about what you're seeing along the way!

At Fort Stevens, look for special Lewis & Clark programs. In the historic area, you can take a guided tour of the re-created Clatsop Indian Longhouse and village called Neahkeluk (Neeah-Kay'-luke) that was located where the historic area is today. You can also attend some Lewis & Clark Junior Ranger and evening programs

with guest presenters from Fort Clatsop.

Don't forget about some other fun programs at the park! You can ride on a real Army truck or walk

underground on the Battery Mishler tour, take a nature bike ride with the ranger (don't forget your helmet!), and enjoy the evening campfire programs. Choices for Junior Ranger programs include gray whale migration, animals or snakes of Fort Stevens, berry art, identifying edible and poisonous plants, scavenger hunts and beach clean-ups! And new this summer! You can go kayaking at Coffenbury Lake! Check the park bulletin boards for details when you arrive. See you there, Junior Rangers!

Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Big Signature Event! Week of Nov 7-15, 2005

Opening Ceremony takes place on Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11 at 10 AM

Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond, OR
Historic Area Parade Grounds

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America's Newest National and State Park!

The Lewis And Clark National And State Historical Parks

www.nps.gov/focl/102004LCNHP/index.html

Oregon's Official Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Website

www.lcbo.net

Ride the Lewis & Clark Explorer Shuttle!

The shuttle bus runs daily between June 13 – Sept. 5 and stops at many Lewis & Clark area attractions. www.nps.gov/focl/html/shuttle.html

for a map and schedule. Fort Clatsop admission also serves as a 3-day regional bus pass, which lets you ride to many of the Lewis and Clark attractions in the region.

Ride the Lewis & Clark Explorer Train!

Trains running Friday – Monday from June 3 – Oct. 3 between Portland & Astoria. www.lcbo.net/traingo.html for more information.

Classroom Resources for Students & Teachers

Here's how to get to 25 educational links about Lewis & Clark!

www.lcbo.net/educators.htm#links

Kids! Earn a special certificate when you join the Junior Corps of Discovery!

www.destinationthepacific.com/html/junior.html or call the DTP office at 503-861-4403 for more details. This website also features good kid's books for learning more about Lewis and Clark's travels, a trivia quiz, and other websites to visit.

Destination: The Pacific! Commemorative Guide

To download and print the full-color brochure go to: www.destinationthepacific.com/html/guide.html

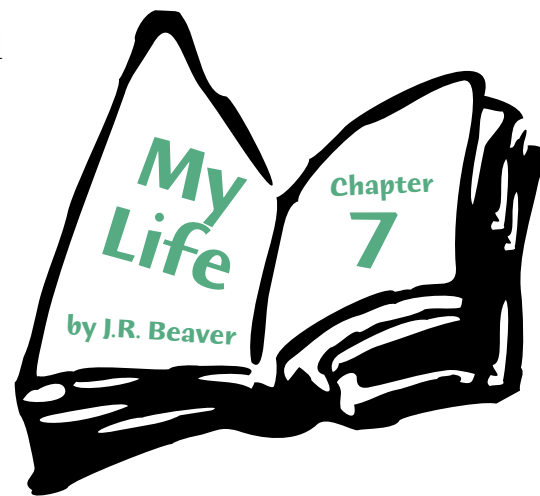
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light, drizzly rain woke J.R. from his sleep. Good thing he had a thick coat of fur or he might have been cold. J.R. got up, took a big stretch and began thinking of breakfast. The trees along the shores of the Necanicum River looked mighty tasty to him, so he gnawed on a few sticks and ate a few mouthfuls of grass for dessert. Even though it was chilly out, J.R. decided to take a swim after his meal. Swimming always made him happy. As he emerged from the river, he noticed the rain had stopped. The sun was beginning to peek through the clouds. It would be a beautiful day for exploring!

It was then that J.R. remembered Mary, the nice park manager who had given him a ride west. Mary had mentioned a place called Saddle Mountain State Park. She told him the trail to the top of Saddle Mountain would give him a great view of the mountains and surrounding forests.

J.R.'s First Mountain Climb

As J.R. searched for the trailhead he grew nervous. You see, he had never climbed a mountain before. J.R. followed the road until he came to a parking lot with cars. In the distance, tucked into the trees, J.R. saw picnic tables and tents. J.R. knew he had found the right place. J.R. decided to walk into the camping area hoping to find some nice people. While he was looking around, J.R. was surprised to hear someone call his name! He turned to see two children heading his way. "Look, Molly! It's J.R.!" called a boy. "Nuh-uh, Jordan, you're just teasing me," said a young dark-haired girl. "Really, Molly, I'm telling you the truth. He's right over there! Come on, let's go say hi," said Jordan.



Jordan and Molly rushed over to J.R. and gave him great big hugs.

"Wow, J.R.! It's really great to see you! Molly and I are Junior Rangers. We always love seeing you when we go camping," exclaimed Jordan excitedly.

"Do you want to come meet our parents? We're getting ready to hike up to the top of Saddle Mountain. Maybe you could come with us," Molly added.

"Fantastic! I want to hike up the mountain too, but I've never climbed a mountain before and it'd be best not to try it alone. Do you really think I could join you and explore the trail with your family?" JR asked.

J.R. followed Molly and Jordan to their campsite where he met the children's parents. They all talked eagerly about the adventure they were about to start. J.R. was surprised to find out they needed special equipment for their hike. The kids each wore a pair of hiking boots and a funny little pack sticking out from their lower backs. He learned these were called "fanny packs." He got a chuckle out of that . . . Just think, funny, fanny packs! Ha! In each, there was a whistle, a snack, a flashlight, a trash bag and a water bottle.

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“We always carry these supplies when we go hiking,” explained Molly.

“Our hiking boots give support to our ankles and feet. The other supplies are in case we get lost,” Jordan chimed in.

“Hmmm. . . that sure is a lot to remember. Hiking must be really dangerous,” JR reflected.

“No, not really,” said Jordan. “It’s just important to be prepared.”

J.R. thought hard about all of this and started to worry. He didn’t have one of those funny fanny packs. Would he still be able to go on the hike? Molly’s dad seemed to read J.R.’s concern and handed him what looked to be a piece of clothing. It was a big vest—just like those he had seen the fishermen wear at Deschutes River State Park. It had lots and lots of pockets, even some hidden ones! In the pockets were all the supplies he needed. J.R. was very excited. Now that everyone was ready, the family started up the trail.

J.R. stopped every now and then to catch his breath and to look at all the green everywhere! The sun was warming the meadows and colorful wildflowers were blooming. It was beautiful! Molly’s mom had a neat book about flowers, and she shared their names as they continued up the trail: wild pink roses, bright red bleeding hearts, Indian paintbrush, purple irises and long stems of violet larkspur.

At one point, the family came upon a few huge trees that had been cleared



out of the trail. Even though they were no longer living, new baby tree seedlings had sprouted from the dead logs, reaching for the sun’s light. Wasn’t nature wonderful? It reminded J.R. that although some things had to die, the recycling of nutrients kept the cycle of life very much alive.

Every part of this hike included something special to enjoy and learn about. J.R. even got a chance to carefully climb right on top of a huge tree that had toppled over! This was the first time he had seen so many roots on top of the soil! Strange, but fascinating!

Even though the trail got very steep in some places, J.R. appreciated every step of the way. Besides, he knew getting to the top would be worth all the hard work.

The View From the Top

It took awhile, but eventually they reached the very top. What a sight! When J.R. looked east, he saw snow-covered mountains. When he looked



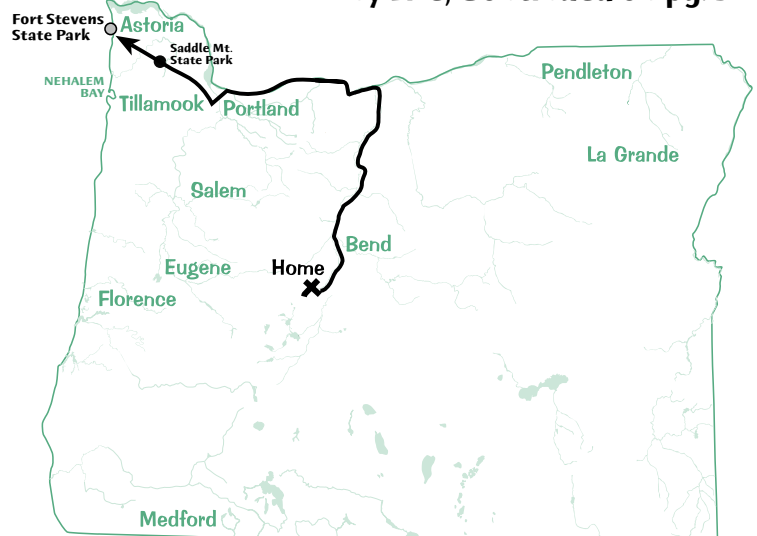
south, he saw more forest. When he looked north, he saw a huge river and to the west, he saw the biggest beaver pond in the world.

“Saddle Mountain is more than 3,000 feet tall. Dad says you can see almost 50 miles away on a clear day,” exclaimed Molly.

J.R. was so awestruck that he became almost silent. As he pointed out towards the ocean, he whispered in a hushed tone, “That has got to be the biggest beaver pond I’ve ever seen. I’d love to meet the busy beavers that built the dam for that pond!”

“That’s not a beaver pond, silly. It’s the ocean!” Jordan and Molly giggled.

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Some Other Area Attractions

Ecola State Park

Cannon Beach, Oregon. In 1806, Capt. William Clark and twelve members of the Corps of Discovery climbed over rocky headlands and fought their way through thick shrubs and trees to get to the beach in search of food.

Les Shirley Park

Cannon Beach, Oregon. This park is adjacent to Ecola Creek, across the bridge north of downtown Cannon Beach and at the edge of Ecola State Park. The area is recognized as the southernmost point reached by members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Corps of Discovery in 1806 and is reportedly where the Corps saw a beached whale and harvested some blubber!

Lewis & Clark Saltworks Site

Seaside, Oregon. Engage members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as they boil seawater to make salt. Barter for goods, help with tasks, or ask questions of the Corps! The "Saltmakers Return" - a 48-hour first-person Living History program happens on the 3rd weekends in July and August 2005. Find them on the beach in Seaside at Avenue U.

Youngs River Falls

Astoria, Oregon. On the western fork of the Youngs River, this falls is about 65 feet in height, is surrounded by a beach, an undeveloped picnic area and a swimming hole!

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Cape Disappointment State Park Ilwaco, WA. For hours and tour info, call 360-642-3078.

Lewis & Clark campsite

Ft. Columbia State Park Chinook, WA. An intact coastal defense site which affords beautiful views of the Columbia River estuary. Features an interpretive center, observation station and 5 miles of hiking trails.

A Vision to the West Lewis & Clark Travel Trivia



In 1803, U.S. President Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory—land that was unexplored. This land doubled the size of the United States at that time. To find out more about this wild country, Jefferson asked his best explorer and personal secretary, Meriwether Lewis, to find the most practical water-based route across North America and so they could explore the uncharted West.

Better trade and travel routes would help the United States prosper. They would also identify unknown resources. Lewis, knowing he would need a co-leader, asked his close friend and mapmaker, William Clark, to come along and keep record of their findings. Jefferson asked them to make maps, take notes about all the different types of new plants and animals they could find, get specimens for further study, and make friendly contact with Native Americans along the way.

The Corps of Discovery that Lewis and Clark led included some 48 men, and traveled 8,000 miles, from St. Louis, Missouri to the Pacific Ocean and back. Their journey was completed on September 23, 1806.

1. On what day did Lewis and Clark set out to explore the West?

- A. January 23, 1882
- B. March 4, 1800
- C. May 14, 1804

2. How long was the Corps of Discovery's journey?

- A. 4,000 miles
- B. 8,000 miles
- C. 10,000 miles

3. Where did the journey start?

- A. St. Louis, Missouri
- B. Pierre, South Dakota
- C. Washington, D.C.

4. Where did the journey end?

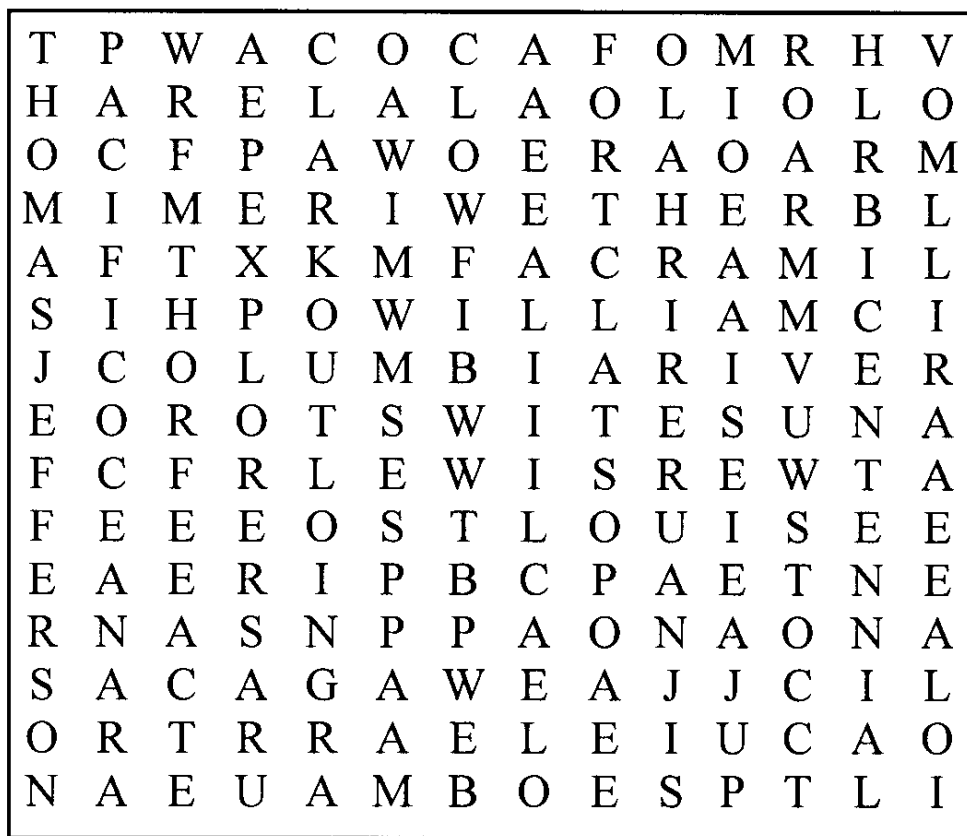
- A. Vernonia, Oregon
- B. St. Louis, Missouri
- C. Pacific Ocean

5. What area of land was purchased that sparked the Corps of Discovery's expedition west?

- A. Louisiana Territory
- B. St. Louis, Missouri
- C. Oregon

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Corps of Discovery Word Find!



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| Bicentennial | Clark | Columbia River |
| Explorers | Fort Clatsop | Lewis |
| Meriwether | Pacific Ocean | Sacagawea |
| St. Louis | Thomas Jefferson | William |

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J.R. had only heard tales of this ocean-thing, but he had to admit he never did believe those stories. It seemed impossible to have that much water in one place! But there it was, just a short distance away. It was one sparkling, amazing sight.

“We’re packing up camp and heading to the coast this afternoon. We’ll be spending the night at Fort Stevens State Park. It’s right next to the ocean. If you’d like, you can come with us,” offered Molly’s dad.

J.R. almost flew down that trail. He couldn’t wait to see and feel the

ocean’s water. He figured it would be the best swim he ever had!

Fort Stevens, Here We Come!

When they got back to the camping area, the family quickly packed up their gear. Everyone made sure they left the campsite cleaner than they found it. They wanted the next family who camped there to have a nice place to visit.

On the drive to Fort Stevens, Jordan told J.R. all about the neat things at the park. He described the many bike trails, the old army fort, the great Junior Ranger programs and

the old shipwreck where visitors can still see part of the ship. And, that wasn’t all. Molly talked about the lake, the nature trails and the playground. J.R. could hardly believe what he was hearing – all those exciting things to do and see in one park! It seemed like forever before J.R. noticed the familiar Oregon State Park signs. Before long the family was checking in.

“We’re in site J-176. That’s one of our favorite locations in this park. It’s between the playground and the amphitheater,” said Molly’s mom.

Both Jordan and Molly thought of a few ways to help them remember their campsite number. They explained to J.R. how important it is to know this information just in case they got lost and couldn’t find their way back. J.R. tried hard to remember too. He knew he could get help from a friendly ranger if he became separated from his new friends.

After finding the “J” loop and their site, they all got busy unloading the car and setting up camp. They put together the big blue tent and laid their sleeping bags on the padding inside. They set up their chairs, a stove for cooking and lines for drying their towels and swimming gear. Just as they finished, a park ranger stopped by to invite them to the evening program.

“Tonight we are going to share stories about the big Lewis and Clark journey and the party’s explorations,” said the ranger.

“Oh, man! That is soooo very cool,” Jordan shouted with excitement. He had studied about Lewis and Clark in school and loved hearing all about their adventures.

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Howdy Josiah,
 You must have started the Junior Ranger when you were quite young, and now look at all the learning and camping experience you have! I'll bet you know all about the best parks out there! Your picture is the most athletic picture I think I've ever seen of me. I love it! (Aren't I a Buff Beaver, everyone? - HA HA HA...)
 J.R.

Dear J.R. Beaver,
 This is the first time I have gotten your newsletter. It is awesome! I love it! I love camping. I have been to Beverly Beach. When we just got there, we saw a guy. He had a bag. My mom said, "What is in that bag?" He took out a starfish and he said the ranger said he could take it home. (I don't think so!) Well, toodles!
 Amanda, Age 8

Dear Amanda,
 You are so right! All living creatures, great and small, and all the park's natural resources belong right where they are found. Sometimes it might not seem like a big deal to take something so small such as a starfish or flower. But it's all of these special things that all the visitors come to see and enjoy. Thanks for your helpful reminder. Remember one of my favorite mottos: "Take only pictures, and leave only footprints!"
 J.R.

Hello J.R.,
 I'm Josiah. I go camping 3 times a year sometimes. I've been a Junior Ranger for 3-4 years. Camping is my favorite thing to do in the summer. By the way, I'm ten years of age. Don't work too hard. Hope you enjoy my picture.
 Yours truly,
 Josiah, Age 10



Drawing by Josiah, Age 10

Dear J.R.B.,
 Hi, this is Ellyssa. I have a question. How many kids are Junior Rangers? Me and my cousin Kelsey became Junior Rangers together. Well, bye!
 Ellyssa, Age 10

Hi Ellyssa-
 Now that's a very good question! Here back at my beaver den, I keep track of every child who signs up to be a Junior Ranger. Once you celebrate your 13th birthday, though, it's time you all go off to greener teenage pastures! So for kids signed up between the ages of 6 and 12,

there are over 12,000 of you! By the way, I think your artwork is beautiful!
 J.R.



Drawing by Ellyssa, Age 10

Dear J.R.,
 I have been doing this program for about 2-3 years and I absolutely love, love, love it! Got to go, have a great summer.
 Charissa

Dear Charissa,
 I'm so happy to hear you are loving the Junior Ranger program. It's a lot of fun, huh? Is that you in your drawing with me? Hope so!
 J.R.



Drawing by Charissa

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Hi J.R. Beaver,
I have been to Saddle Mountain State Park. I really liked it. I think you would really like it too! There are many sights to see. There are bicycle trails with fantastic views of the ocean and forest. There is a lot of wildlife, maybe even some of your animal friends. This beautiful park is at the top of the state. I can't wait to see you again.
Love, Carley

**Well hello Carley!
You must either be a mind reader, or you've been watching me on my travels! You'll notice that the continuing story of My Life (Chapter 7 in this issue) starts out with my amazing experiences visiting Saddle Mountain State Park! I had a wonderful time there and you're right about those views! There is incredible scenery everywhere. I couldn't believe my beaver eyes**

**when I saw the ocean from on top of the mountain. What a GREAT time! Maybe I'll see you there next time you go.
Happy Summer!
J.R.**

Dear J.R.,
My family and I love to camp! We own a tent trailer, and love to camp with you at Wallowa Lake! When I help the environment, I always think of you. I recycle more now, and am more cautious about many things. Thanks. G2G (got to go!).
Sincerely,
Kylie, Age 11

**Thank You, Kylie!
Hearing your words makes me smile even wider than my two biggest front teeth will allow! Although I do love ALL our state parks, I have to agree with you that Wallowa Lake is something**

**special. Be careful by the lake, and steer clear of the deer who come into the campsites. Please remember to watch the wildlife safely from a distance. Enjoy a fun and safe camping season, Kylie!
J.R.**



Drawing by Kylie, Age 11

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Right after the dinner dishes were done, Jordan grabbed his jacket and encouraged his family to hurry up. "C'mon! It's this way. Follow me!" Jordan exclaimed out loud as he eagerly led the pack down the road towards the amphitheater.

A Blast from the Past

J.R. learned a lot about Lewis and Clark that night. He learned that this group of explorers traveled across the country on foot and by boat to reach the Pacific coast 200 years ago. These men and a Native American woman named Sacagawea went all the way out to the ocean, just as he had! In fact, the explorers had stayed at some of the places right nearby. He couldn't imagine how brave people

would have to be in those times to make such an incredible journey.

The ranger spoke of a place called Fort Clatsop where the explorers lived during the long, rainy winter. He learned how they traded with

local Indian tribes and went to the ocean to make salt. J.R. was very interested in Lewis and Clark. He decided right then and there to visit some of the places they had been—that is, right after he saw the ocean, of course!

What will J.R. do tomorrow?

Where will he and the family go after the evening program at Fort Stevens? Will he make it to the places that Lewis & Clark saw?

**Look at a map of the northern Oregon coast and the southern Washington coast and think of where you think J.R. will go to walk in Lewis & Clark's footsteps. Will he be able to see everything?
Send a letter to J.R. telling him what**

you think he should do to learn more about Lewis & Clark and what places are the best to visit.

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Clean, Crispy, Sandy Beaches

a poem by Stephen, 8th grade student at Amity Middle School

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| Children run through the warm sand, Lying on their backs, Every bodies happy And children won't get hurt, No litter on the ground. | Shade is only found under an umbrella, And people with cool drinks. No trash in site. Don't mess it up, You should think about that. |
| Children run through the warm sand, Run children run, In the sand there is no litter Sharp glass, Pointy garbage; You should think about that. | Beaches are meant to be clean, Every one will thank you And Children can be safe. Here is something for you to think about, Everyone can help, So you have fun with those who care. |



Answer Key

Answers to Corps of Discovery questions on page 4

1. C; 2. B; 3. A; 4. C; 5. A.

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