Posters Spread Word About Expedition

The story of Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition will soon be spread across the country in poster form.

A 15-poster exhibition, Jefferson’s America: Lewis and Clark and Western Exploration, produced by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation will be distributed free of charge to 10,000 schools and educational institutions throughout the United States in time for the 2002-2003 school year.

Each of the full-color, 27-by-39 inch posters covers a different aspect of the historic trek across North America that was conceived and commissioned by President Jefferson. The exhibition is aimed at the upper-elementary school level, and every set of posters will be accompanied by an illustrated teacher’s guide.

The exhibition’s content was developed by Monticello’s Education Department and the posters were designed by Gallagher and Associates of Washington, D.C. The posters feature images from Monticello and 15 other institutions, including the Library of Congress, National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, American Philosophical Society, Missouri Historical Society, and Harvard University’s Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography.

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“This poster show will be a tremendous educational resource for teachers, students, and other interested parties, and we are very grateful to our friends at State Farm for making it a reality,” said Thomas Jefferson Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan.

The poster show is a major component of Monticello’s observance of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, which also will include the inaugural event in the national commemoration on Jan. 18, 2003, and *Framing the West at Monticello: Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, a major installation that will re-create Jefferson’s “Indian Hall” in the Entrance Hall of the house.

Educators interested in obtaining a poster set should contact Monticello’s Education Department by mail at Post Office Box 316, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902, by fax at (434) 295-1312, or by e-mail at education@monticello.org. Each inquiry must include the educator’s name, the grade level(s) taught, and the full name and complete mailing address of the school or institution.