

## **Citation**

Tim Bischoff, Park Ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake has dedicated a great number of hours to the creation of a first-person character, George Drouillard. He chose this character because of the hunting and trading ties that George Drouillard had to the area surrounding Tim's present workstation – Rend Lake, Illinois. This modern day interpreter's goal was to create a character that he could portray on a level for all ages to understand and appreciate. Tim Bischoff has taken the message of "George Drouillard – Expedition Sign Talker" to thousands of anxious school children and interested adults across the United States during the opening year of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.

A quote by Meriwether Lewis about George Drouillard also reflects the dedicated work skills of Rend Lake Park Ranger Tim Bischoff. Capt. Lewis said of Drouillard: "A man of all merit: he has been peculiarly useful from his knowledge of the common language of gesticulation, ...; those several duties he performed in good faith, and with an ardor which deserves the highest commendation..."