

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) and the Mormon Battalion Association is very excited to present the "San Diego Historic Trails Symposium," from Thursday, January 27 to Sunday, January 30. The symposium will focus on the historic trails of San Diego and the surrounding area, and will include looks at the American Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and U.S. eras, including local tribes, Spanish missions, Juan Bautista de Anza, the Mormon Battalion, 49ers on the Southern Route, the Butterfield Overland Stage, women, slavery, and military presence, among others.

The Courtyard San Diego Old Town at 2435 Jefferson Street is our host hotel. It is conveniently located near the intersection of I-8 and I-5 and very close to the airport. OCTA has a room block with single kings and double queens available. Rates are \$139 per night. Reserve your room online at www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1637102685152&key=GRP&app=resvlink or call the hotel at (619) 260-8500 and ask for the OCTA room block. There is free parking on the streets surrounding the hotel, but the hotel also offers a parking garage for an additional \$25/night.

If you go on the tours, bring hats and windbreakers. Though we fully expect sunny skies and 70-degree temperatures, weather in southern California can be unpredictable in late January.

AGENDA

Thursday, January 27, 2022

08:00 AM - 01:00 PM: OCTA board meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott

All day: A self-guided tour of historic sites between San Diego and Los Angeles will be provided to registrants who want to visit those sites on their own. After registration, you will be supplied with information and directions on how to visit these sites.

02:00 PM - 05:00 PM: Registration table open at the Courtyard by Marriott

05:00 PM: Dinner on your own

07:30 PM: Keynote Speaker - OCTA Vice President Steve Allison will speak on "The San Diego We Know and Love." This presentation attempts to give context to our view of San Diego history from his personal experiences and what was known about San Diego before the Mormon Battalion arrived on this day 175 years ago. Presented at the Courtyard by Marriott.

Friday, January 28, 2022

07:30 AM: Registration table opens at the Temple Beth Israel at 2454 Heritage Park Row, just a few blocks east of the host hotel. All Friday speakers will be at the Temple Beth Israel.

08:00 AM - 08:50 AM: The Kumeyaay Nation (Campo Band) and the Effect of European Takeover – Michael Connolly Miskwish of the Kumeyaay Nation

09:00 AM - 09:50 AM: Settling the Mission and Presidio - Barry Goldlust, San Diego History Center

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM: Early Land Routes into California and the Boston Trade Ships - Frank Tortorich, OCTA member and authority/noted researcher of the Carson River Route, Mormon migration history, and the Mormon Battalion

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM: Military Intervention in California, 1846-47: The U.S. Invasion, Occupation, and its Challenge - Lt. Col. Sherman L. Fleek, Command Historian, U.S. Military Academy, West Point

11:50 AM - 01:00 PM: Lunch (included in the registration fee)

01:00 PM - 01:50 PM: Kearny's Ace in the Hole to Hold California: The Mormon Battalion - Brandon Metcalf, Archivist at the Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City

02:00 - 02:50 PM: The Women's Stories: The Five Women Who Arrived with and the Locals Who Served the Mormon Battalion in California - Laura Anderson and Mary Ann Kirk

03:00 - 03:50 PM: Say Their Names: Slavery in California - Kevin Henson (tentative speaker)

04:00 - 04:50 PM: The Relationship Between the LDS Church and OCTA - Elder D. Todd Christofferson

05:00 PM: Dinner on your own

Saturday, January 29, 2022

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM: Enjoy the commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Mormon Battalion by taking in the various free activities, entertainment, and interactive booths found all throughout Old Town San Diego, especially in the portion managed as the state's most popular historic park. Attendees are invited to dress in period clothing and march in with the re-enactors. To participate in the re-enactment, contact Terry Wirth at (760) 685-4300 or terrywirth@gmail.com.

10:00 - 10:30 AM - Mormon Battalion Parade with the Marine Corp Band. Join 335 re-enactors as they march into Old Town San Diego to recreate the day on January 29, 1847, when the Mormon Battalion marched into town. (Re-enactors will meet at the Cal Trans parking lot at Taylor and Juan Streets at 9 AM.)

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM: Tour of the Junípero Serra Museum in Presidio Park (limited to 20 participants). A van will transport participants from the Mormon Battalion Historic Center at 2510 Juan St. to the museum and back again.

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM: Tour of the Junípero Serra Museum in Presidio Park (limited to 20 participants).

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM: The Women's Stories: The Five Women Who Arrived with and the Locals Who Served the Mormon Battalion in California - Laura Anderson and Mary Ann Kirk (a repeat of the Friday presentation; this presentation will be at the Mormon Battalion Historic Center)

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM: Co B's Sojourn in San Diego: The Story of the Mormon Battalion in San Diego - Greg Christofferson (this presentation will be at the Mormon Battalion Historic Center)

0:500 PM: Dinner on your own

Sunday, January 30, 2022

07:00 AM - 05:00 PM: Van tour of the trail corridor for the 49ers Southern Route to California/Mormon Battalion/Butterfield Overland Stage/Juan Bautista de Anza expedition through San Diego County. Stops include interpretive sites in the barren Yuha Desert near Plaster City and into the beautiful Anza Borrego State Park, where we will visit important trail sites like Palm Spring, Vallecito Stage Station, Box Canyon, and Foot & Walker Pass, and finally into the grasslands surrounding Warner's Ranch, down into the San Pasqual Battlefield site, and wrapping up the day at the gorgeous Mission San Luis Rey. This is a tour you will not want to miss! The tour will depart from and return to the Courtyard Old Town. Lunch, snacks, drinks, and admission fees included.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Registration (Individual – this symposium only has an individual rate)	\$80 x ____ = _____
Registration (Educator)	\$70 x ____ = _____
Registration (Student)	\$60 x ____ = _____
Junípero Serra Museum tour (noon)	\$20 x ____ = _____
Junípero Serra Museum (1:30 PM)	\$20 x ____ = _____
Sunday Van Tour	\$65 x ____ = _____

TOTAL = _____

Register online at www.octa-trails.org