

Journey West from St. Joseph Symposium

March 30 to April 2, 2023

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) and our Gateway Chapter are very excited to present the "Journey West From St. Joseph Symposium" from Thursday, March 30 to Sunday, April 2. The symposium will focus on the historic trails of St. Joseph, Missouri, and northeast Kansas, as well as the surrounding area, and will include looks at local tribes, Oregon, California, and Mormon Pioneer migrations, the Pony Express, the Mormon Battalion, Mormon sites in the region, women, slavery, and military presence, among others. The Stoney Creek Inn at 1201 N. Woodbine Road in St. Joseph is our host hotel. It is conveniently located just west of I-29 and just north of Frederick Blvd. It is only 25 minutes from the brand-new Kansas City airport (scheduled to open in March). OCTA has a room block with single kings and double queens available. Rates are \$106 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 (816) 901-9600 and ask for the OCTA room block. Reservations must be made by March 16 to receive the discounted rate. The hotel offers free parking. If you go on tours, bring hats and windbreakers. Though we expect sunny skies and 70° temperatures, weather in the Midwest in late March/early April can be unpredictable. The board of directors does not have a requirement for COVID vaccination and is not requiring masks, though they are recommended.

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. OCTA board meeting in the second-floor conference room at the Stoney Creek Inn, followed by a soup and salad lunch (free for board members, officers, chapter presidents, and committee chairs; \$20 for all others)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Training session on new membership software

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Evening at the Remington Nature Center. Welcome by Mayor of St Joseph, Tour of the Nature Center, and a "Taste of St Joseph" reception

5:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker - Sarah Elder, Manager of the Remington Nature Center, will speak on "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about St.

Joseph but were Afraid to Ask." In 2023, St. Joseph will be 180 years old and is most notably known as where "the Pony Express began & Jesse James ended." With all due respect to those important events, however, St. Joseph has a lot more to offer! Discover more about this jumping off point - (including some trail tidbits)!

Dinner on your own

Friday, March 31, 2023

Tour one "Mormon Sites Between St. Joseph and Leavenworth" – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour two "Mormon sites in Northwest Missouri" 9 a.m. to 5 PM

Tour three "Crossing the Missouri River at St. Joe and the St. Joe Road" (including pioneer cemeteries and Native a.m.ericana sites) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour four "Highlights of the Oregon/California/Santa Fe Trail corridor and sites relevant to Lewis & Clark in Independence and Kansas City" 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour five "St. Joseph ~ The City Worthwhile that is Worth your While" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m. Pony Express National Museum for tours, speakers, book, and merchandise sales and lunch will be served.

8:00 a.m. Guided tour of the Pony Express Museum, one room schoolhouse, and Goetz Brewery Museum

08:30 a.m. Optional two hour guided tour of the Patee House Museum and Jesse James home (\$7 per person)

09:00 a.m. Greg Olson - The Ioways, Sacs, Foxes, and the Oregon Trail

10:00 a.m. Mike Kelley - The History of the Iowa, Sac, and Fox Presbyterian Mission

11:00 a.m. Dr. Kim Schutte - Mormons and Missouri: The Bloody 1830s

12:00 p.m. Plated lunch is included in registration/ Guided tour of the Pony Express Museum, one-room schoolhouse, and Goetz Brewery Museum

1:00 p.m. Jackie Lewin - The St. Joseph Road

2:00 p.m. Optional two-hour guided tour of the Patee House Museum and Jesse James home (\$7 per person)

3:00 p.m. Pat Traffas - The Daughters of the American Revolution Monuments on Area Trails

3:00 p.m. Guided tour of the Pony Express Museum, one-room schoolhouse, and Goetz Brewery Museum

04:00 p.m. Panel Discussion featuring Bill Hill, Bill Leppert, and Fred Sawin - The Robidoux Family and the Fur Trade Along the Platte and Missouri Rivers and Posts West

6:00 p.m. Guided tour of the St. Joseph Museum, featuring the a.m.eric an Indian gallery, books and merchandise sale, book signing, music, and food for no additional cost to attend. This tour is included in the registration fee.

Dinner on your own

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Tour to Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission, Highland, KS - Leave for Mission Site from Stoney Creek Inn Conference Center at 8 a.m. and drive vans and personal autos to Mission. At the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission, we will start with a tour of the property and then join two speakers inside the building. Lance Foster will speak on the history and culture of the Iowa tribe. Steve Allison will give a PowerPoint presentation on other religious groups traveling west across the country.

11:00 a.m. Iowa Tribe Drumming Ceremony

12:00 p.m. Reading of *Keeping the Sabbath* from Summer 2022 Overland Journal

St. Joseph Symposium Registration

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Registration (Individual – this symposium only has an individual rate) \$95 x = _____

Registration (Educator) \$70 x = _____

Registration (Student) \$50 x = _____

Thursday lunch \$20 x = _____

Friday tour Tour 1 _____ Tour 2 _____ Tour 3 _____ Tour 4 _____ Tour 5 _____ \$55 x = _____

Saturday Patee House/Jesse James Home Tour 8:30 a.m. _____ 2:00 p.m. _____ \$25 x = _____

TOTAL = _____

Register online at www.octa-trails.org