



The Oregon-California Trails Association
Journey West from St. Joseph Symposium
March 30-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 NE 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 <https://www.stoneycreekhoteis.com/hotel/st-joseph/> 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-degree 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.

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: 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)

5:00-7:00 PM – Welcome Reception at the Remington Nature Center, 1502 McArthur Dr. Welcome by Mayor of St Joseph & a *Taste of St. Joseph* Reception.

5:30 PM – 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." Exploring the Nature Center is included. Dinner on your own

Friday, March 31, 2023 – Select one

Tour 1 - 9 AM to 5 PM - "Mormon Sites Between St. Joseph and Leavenworth"

Tour 2 - 9 AM to 5 PM - "Mormon sites in Northwest Missouri"

Tour 3 – 9 AM to 5 PM – "Crossing the Missouri River at St. Joe and the St. Joe Road" (including pioneer cemeteries and Native American sites)

Tour 4 - 8:30 AM to 5 PM – "Highlights of the Oregon/California/Santa Fe Trail corridor and sites relevant to Lewis & Clark in Independence and Kansas City"

Tour 5 – 9 AM to 3 PM – "St. Joseph ~ The City Worthwhile that is Worth your While"

6:00 PM - guided tour of the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Ave., featuring the American 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.

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Pony Express National Museum for tours, speakers, book, and merchandise sales. Noon meal will be served.

8:00 AM: Guided tour of the Pony Express Museum, one-room schoolhouse, and Goetz Brewery Museum

8:30 AM: Optional two-hour guided tour of the Patee House Museum and Jesse James home (\$7/ person)

9:00 AM: Greg Olson - *The Ioways, Sacs, Foxes, and the Oregon Trail*

10:00 AM: Mike Kelley - *The History of the Iowa, Sac, and Fox Presbyterian Mission*

11:00 AM: Dr. Kim Schutte - *Mormons and Missouri: The Bloody 1830s*

12:00 PM: Banquet is included in registration/Guided tour of the Pony Express Museum, one-room schoolhouse, and Goetz Brewery Museum

1:00 PM: Jackie Lewin - *The St. Joseph Road*

2:00 PM: Garrett Seuser - *Architectural Finds at the Pony Express/Hollenberg Museum Sites*

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

3:00 PM: Pat Traffas - *The Daughters of the American Revolution Monuments on Area Trails*

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

4:00 PM: 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*

Dinner on your own

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Tour to Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission, Highland, KS - Leave for Mission Site from

Stoney Creek Inn Conference Center at 8 AM and drive vans and personal vehicles to Mission. Activities include a tour of the property, then moving inside to join Steve Allison for a PowerPoint presentation on other religious

groups traveling west across the country.
11:00 AM - Iowa Tribe Drumming Ceremony
12:00 PM - Reading of "Keeping the Sabbath" from Summer 2022 Overland Journal

St. Joseph Symposium Registration

Please mail this form to the address below

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration: _____ 3 Digit Code: _____

All-Inclusive Registration

[Includes Welcome Reception, Tour of St. Joseph Museums, all Saturday Speakers, & Banquet]

Registration \$95 x _____ = _____

Registration (Educator) \$70 x _____ = _____

Registration (Student) \$50 x _____ = _____

Optional Additional Activities

Thursday, 3/30/23: Lunch (during Board of Directors meeting at Stoney Creek) \$20 x _____ = _____

Friday, 3/31/23 tours: Tour # _____ \$55 x _____ = _____

Friday, 3/31/23: Guided Tour of St. Joseph Museums \$20 x _____ = _____

Saturday, 4/1/23: Patee House/Jesse James Home Tour: 8:30 AM _____, or 2:00 PM _____ \$ 7 x _____ = _____

Sunday, 4/2/23: Activities & program at the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission \$25 x _____ = _____

Limited Registration

(An Individual may register for the following activities for either \$20 or \$25 - options below)

Thursday, 3/30/23: Welcome Reception \$20 x _____ = _____

Friday, 3/31/23: Guided Tour of St. Joseph Museums \$20 x _____ = _____

Saturday, 4/1/23: Speakers, banquet, & tour of Pony Express Museum \$20 x _____ = _____

Saturday, 4/1/23: Patee House/Jesse James Home Tour: 8:30 AM _____, or 2:00 PM _____ \$ 7 x _____ = _____

Sunday, 4/2/23: Activities & program at the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission \$25 x _____ = _____

TOTAL _____



For more information or to register online go to
<https://octa-trails.regfox.com/journey-west-from-st-joseph-symposium>
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