



Join the Oregon-California Trails Association and help preserve our heritage.

Your membership will:

- Connect you with an international network of western history fans and enthusiasts through publications, web sites, conventions, symposia, and other special events and learning opportunities.
- Contribute to the preservation of an important part of American history. Many OCTANs help watch over trail segments and grave sites in rural areas, to protect against destruction or encroachment by modern development projects.
- Provide opportunities to learn about trail location, mapping, and marking.
- Promote research and education by maintaining extensive libraries of trail literature, including books, diaries, journals, newspapers, letters, maps and other materials.
- Contribute to public education through films, symposia and other projects.
- Provide new avenues for genealogical research.
- Provide invitations to annual conventions and regional events, which may include expert-guided trail tours, educational sessions, and opportunities to participate in hands-on trail preservation activities.
- Contribute financially to the preservation of historic trails.

For maps, events and other details, go to www.octa-trails.org or scan



Memberships

Emigrant - \$50/year

Basic membership for individuals

- Receive quarterly scholarly journal *Overland Journal* and quarterly newsletter *News From the Plains*
- 5% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- The opportunity to join a local chapter
- Invitations to OCTA annual conventions and symposia.
- One vote in OCTA's annual election

Educator - \$45/year

This level is designed for teachers in elementary, junior high and high schools. Educators receive the same benefits as the *Emigrant* level and access to the education section on OCTA's website (www.octa-trails.org)

Pioneer - \$65/year

Basic membership for families

- *Pioneers* receive the same benefits as the *Emigrant* level, plus two votes per family in OCTA's annual election

Pathfinder - \$90/year

Same benefits as the Pioneer level plus a 10% discount on registration fee at annual convention.

Trail Patron - \$125/year

Same benefits as the Pioneer level plus a 10% discount on all OCTA merchandise.

Merrill J. Mattes Society- \$250/year

Named for a renown historian and founding member of OCTA. Members of the prestigious Merrill J. Mattes Society receive the same benefits as the *Trail Patron*, plus:

- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- Two free OCTA publications from selected stock

Institutional (Libraries, Museums, Trail centers, etc.) - \$300/year

Designed specifically for our friends who support and promote overland emigrant trails education, Institutional level members receive the same basic benefits plus:

- A plaque signifying membership
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- A free quarter-page ad in OCTA's two prestigious quarterly publications, *Overland Journal* and *News From the Plains* once per year.



Ezra Meeker Life Member- \$1,000

Named for Oregon Territory pioneer Ezra Meeker, who followed the Oregon Trail with his young wife and infant son in 1852, retraced it in 1906-07, and led the effort to gain historic trail status for the emigrant road until his death in 1924. Life members receive the same benefits as Mattes Society Members, plus:

- A plaque signifying a willingness to help sustain Meeker's vision
- An Ezra Meeker Life Member lapel pin
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise

Corporate Member - \$1,250/year

OCTA appreciates the support of corporations and businesses who recognize the importance of preserving emigrant trails. Corporate members receive:

- The *Overland Journal*, OCTA's quarterly scholarly journal and *News From the Plains*, OCTA's quarterly newsletter
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- Free half-page ads in OCTA two quarterly publications twice per year
- Links to the corporate Web site on OCTA's homepage (www.octa-trails.org) during the duration of the membership

College Student - \$20/year

This level is designed especially for undergraduate and graduate students. Members at this level receive the same benefits as *Emigrant* level.

Youth - \$10 (One-time dues payment)

Members at this level receive a Trail Scout T-shirt plus linkage to the student Enews network.





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All donations and a portion of dues payments are tax deductible. Please consult the membership section of the web site for details

Membership Categories

- Emigrant (Individual) \$50/year
- Pioneer (Family) \$65/year
- Pathfinder (Individual or Family) \$90/year
- Trail Patron (Individual or Family) \$125/year
- Merrill J. Mattes Society (Individual or Family) \$250/year
- Institutional (Libraries, Museums, etc) \$300/year
- Corporate \$1,250/year
- Ezra Meeker Life Member \$1,000
- Educator \$45/year
- College Student* \$20/year
- Youth (starting at age 10) \$10

OCTA Membership \$ _____

Chapter Membership \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

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Check enclosed Visa Mastercard Discover

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I would like to make an additional gift to OCTA in the amount of:

\$ _____

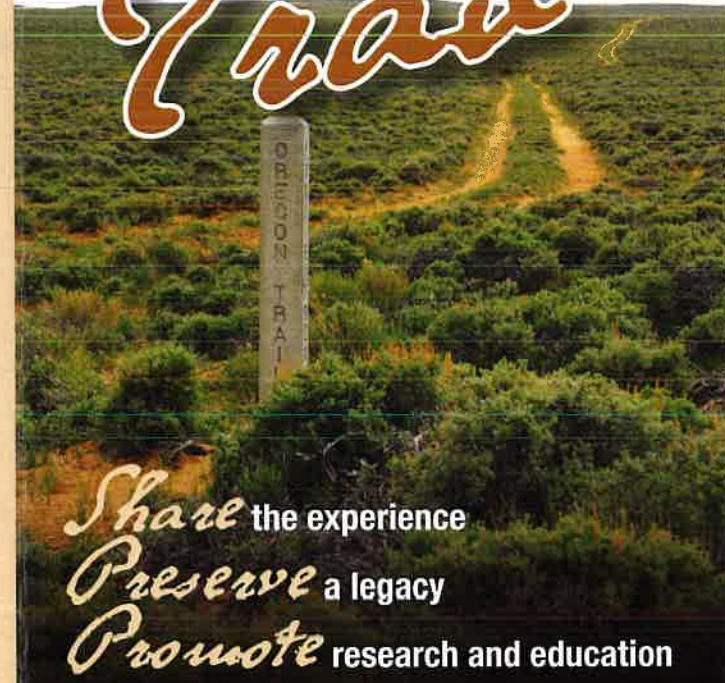
Check here to have the newsletter *News from the Plains* sent to my/our email address.

*Memberships are available for students at accredited college/universities.

You can join as many chapters as you like. Benefits of chapter memberships include local newsletters, invitations to chapter events, lectures and treks, opportunities to make a difference at the local level and the opportunity to make new friends. Please check the chapter(s) you would like to join and add the additional amount to your payment.

- California/Nevada (\$15 Individual & \$20 Family, \$40 Sustaining)
- Colorado/Cherokee Trail (\$10, \$200 Life Members)
- Crossroads (Utah) (\$10, \$5 Students)
- Gateway (S. Joseph, MO; NE Kansas) (\$10 Individual, \$15 Family)
- Idaho (\$10)
- KANZA (Kansas, excluding KC and St. Joseph areas) (\$10 Individual, \$15 Family)
- Nebraska (\$10)
- Northwest (Oregon, Wash., W. Canada) (\$10 Individual, \$15 Family, \$20 Corporate, Life Membership at 20 times annual amount)
- Southern Trails (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, So. California, Texas) (\$20, \$50 Sustaining, \$200 Individual Life, \$300 Family Life)
- Trails Head (Kansas City Metro) (\$10)
- Wyoming (\$10)

Save The Trail



Share the experience
Preserve a legacy
Promote research and education

An American legacy is at risk. The historic trails trod by half a million pioneers, gold rushers, adventurers, families - people in pursuit of a better life in the West - are under constant threat from development. Many miles of wagon ruts and swales still exist in silent testimony to those hardy souls who built the nation as we know it today.

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