



Oregon-California Trails Association
2026 OCTA Chico Convention
September 14-18, 2026
Hotel Katerina
1930 Baney Lane, Chico CA 95928



_____ Spouse/Partner _____
 (Registrant 1) (Registrant 2)
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATION

(all registrations include a copy of *Been There, Done That*, latest book by keynote speaker, Greg Jackson) No Refunds after Sept 7 except in cases of hardship.

Individual	\$115.00	\$ _____	
Couple/Family	\$199.00	\$ _____	
Educator	\$85.00	\$ _____	
Students	\$60.00	\$ _____	
Tuesday Only Individual	\$75.00	\$ _____	
Tuesday Only Couple/Family	\$130.00	\$ _____	
Friday Only Individual	\$75.00	\$ _____	
Friday Only Couple/Family	\$130.00	\$ _____	Subtotal \$ _____

MONDAY, September 14

Opening reception at Hotel Katerina (Dinner on your own) Number attending reception _____

TUESDAY, September 15

Speaker sessions @ Hotel Katerina

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| 8:00 – 10:00 am OCTA General Membership Meeting | 2:00 – 2:50 pm Dave Freeman, The Lassen Rancho |
| 10:10 – 10:20 am Opening America 250 Ceremony @ the Flag Pole | 3:00 – 3:50 pm Bart Johnson and Bill Holmes, The Johnson Rancho |
| 10:30 – 11:50 am Dr. Greg Jackson, <i>Been There, Done That</i> (Keynote) | 4:00 – 4:50 pm History Expeditions, The Stephens/Murphy Townsend Party |
| 1:00 – 1:50 am Ken Johnston, The Lassen Trail | 5:00 – 7:00 pm Author's Night (Dinner on Your Own) |

12 noon – 1:00 pm Lunch; Asian Chicken or Salmon Salad Lunch Buffet: Grilled marinated chicken or salmon, oriental greens, almonds, ginger-soy vinaigrette fresh vegetables, crisp Chinese noodles, and fresh garlic bread. Served with Cookies and Iced Tea and Iced Water.

	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	
Select One			
Asian Chicken	_____	_____	
Salmon Salad	_____	_____	
Price: \$34.00/ea		_____ x \$34 =	Subtotal \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, September 16

All tours depart from and return to the Katerina Hotel. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before departure. Tours will leave on time.

Tour 1: Lassen Ranch Tour, 7:45 am – 5 pm.

In 1843 Peter Lassen acquired the Rancho Bosquejo Land Grant and in 1844 established his first compound on Deer Creek. By 1847, he constructed a second compound with the first smelter and foundry in California. In 1847, Lassen returned to Missouri and in 1848 returned to Rancho Bosquejo forming the Lassen Trail. The sites and features of Lassen's compounds and the 2 towns of Benton City have been lost to history.

Due to terrain, we will not be able to accommodate participants with walkers or scooters on this tour. Please wear suitable footwear for walking on uneven ground and in tall weeds.

Tour sites will include:

- Abbey New Clairvaux Monastery:
- The Lassen 1847 compound,
- Lassen Canals
- Lassen smelter/foundry location
- Benton City 1
- Leland Stanford buildings
- the new Monastery Chapel constructed from stones purchased in Spain by William Randolph Hearst
- Lassen 1844 Adobe site:
- This tour will venture out on the Vina Plains to visit the area of Lassen's first compound, its garden, mill pond, and the town site of Benton City 2.
- Two Lassen Trail branches will be identified and for those familiar with the writings of J.G. Bruff, the tree which he collapsed into the branches is still standing. There will be a 15-20 minute presentation at each site, after which we will entertain any questions. Photos are allowed at all sites. These sites are on private property and only accessible by special permission from the property owners. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the 1844 Lassen adobe and Benton City 2 sites in a somewhat pristine state. The last public opportunity to visit the 1844 Lassen compound area was 120 years ago. After both tours are completed, wine testing at the Abbey New Claux winery will be available.

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Tour 3: Oroville Tour, 8:00 AM - 5 PM Tour

Food provided at restaurant

Tour Price \$75/ea

_____ x \$75 = Subtotal \$ _____

Thursday Dinner (auction):

Airline Chicken Breast or Boneless Pork Chop, or Vegetarian option (pasta) served with Asparagus, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner rolls and butter. Cookies for dessert. Includes coffee and Tea service with Water Station. Cash Bar.

	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	
Select One			
Airline Chicken Breast	_____	_____	
Boneless Pork Chop	_____	_____	
Vegetarian (pasta)	_____	_____	
Price \$42/ea			_____ x \$42 = Subtotal \$ _____

FRIDAY, September 18

Speaker Sessions @ the Katerina Hotel

All Day | Covered Wagon Demonstration with Carol Verbeeck and Bruce Horttor

8:00 – 8:50 AM | Dave Fullerton – Truckee Trail Research Project

9:00 – 9:50 AM | Dave Freeman – Lassen Mills

10:00 – 10:50 AM | Joy Sweger – California’s Indians

11:00 – 11:50 AM | Nick Anderson – John Bidwell

Noon – 1:00 PM | Lunch

*Note: the afternoon speaker series will be on a two-track, with two speakers on simultaneously from 1-4 PM.

1:00 – 1:50 PM | Robert Keahey – Hastings Cutoff

Michele Shover – American Indian and Chinese History in California

2:00 – 2:50 PM | Larry Mauch – Mining Techniques of the Gold Rush

Kelly Richardson – Family History on the Yreka Trail

3:00 – 3:50 PM | Smokey Bassett – William Ide

David Lawler – Gold Mining and Immigration

4:00 – 4:50 PM | Pat Traffas – Patty Reed’s Doll

Lunch:

Traditional Soup & Salad Buffet: Fresh mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, onion, bacon bits, cottage cheese, croutons, and assorted dressings. Chef’s soup of the day, pasta salad, fresh fruit salad, and fresh bread & butter. Served with Cookies and Iced Tea and Iced Water.

Price \$34.00/ea _____ x \$34 = Subtotal \$ _____

Closing BBQ Dinner @ the Katerina Hotel, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: St. Louis-style ribs, chicken, potato salad, jalapeño apple slaw, BBQ beans, corn on the cob, iced tea, water, cash bar.

Price: \$39/ea _____ x \$39 = Subtotal \$ _____

Please check here if you are a descendant of a California Gold Rush emigrant. _____

Please check here if you are a descendant of emigrants who traveled west during the 1840s to 1860s. _____

May we contact you for more information? _____

Chico Convention Pre-Order

In order to provide the shirt type and shirt size you would like that has the Chico Convention logo on it, we are taking pre-orders now so we can get the exact quantities needed for sales. T-shirts and Long Sleeve shirts are white with the multi-colored Chico Convention logo on the back with our traditional OCTA logo on the front. All pre-ordered shirts will be delivered to registrants at the time of convention check-in when you get your badge, no shirts will be shipped. A small quantity of T-shirts will be available at the convention for cash purchase, so please order your shirt in advance now to get the shirt that you want made especially for you!



Short-sleeve T-shirt, 100% Heavy Weight White Cotton

*Size Selection, allow multiple shirts to be ordered. All sizes are \$21 each.

	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	
S	_____	_____	
M	_____	_____	
L	_____	_____	
XL	_____	_____	
XXL	_____	_____	
XXXL	_____	_____	= Subtotal for T-shirts \$ _____

Long-Sleeved T-Shirt, Size 100% Heavy Weight White Cotton

*Size Selection, allow multiple shirts to be ordered. All sizes are \$27 each.

	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	
S	_____	_____	
M	_____	_____	
L	_____	_____	
XL	_____	_____	
XXL	_____	_____	
XXXL	_____	_____	= Subtotal for Long Sleeve shirts \$ _____

Polo Shirt, light cream color with Embroidered Convention Logo. All sizes \$30 each.

	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	
S	_____	_____	
M	_____	_____	
L	_____	_____	
XL	_____	_____	
XXL	_____	_____	
XXXL	_____	_____	= Subtotal for Polo shirts \$ _____

Ball Cap with Convention Logo Patch, \$20 each.

Quantity _____ Adjust qty for number of ball caps to be pre-ordered:

= Subtotal for Caps \$ _____

Totals Of Registration Fees Add below:

Add Subtotals from page 1	_____	
Add Subtotals from page 2	_____	
Add Subtotals from page 3	_____	= Grand Total \$ _____

**** Payment Options ****

Mail registration form with check payable to:
Oregon-California Trails Association
524 S. Osage Street
Independence, MO 64050

You may register online visit www.octa-trails.org or if paying by credit card please provide credit card expiration and security code number on back of card and sign below. Full Refunds less processing (\$25) available until Date Sept 7. No Refunds on cancellation after Date Sept 7

Signature _____ Card Number _____

Expiration _____ Security Code _____

**** Special Instructions and Dietary Restrictions ****
Options for dietary restrictions (such as vegetarian or gluten-free) are available. Please use the space below or contact us at 816-252-2276 or kconway@indepmo.org to discuss your needs and reserve these options.

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All registrants must sign below.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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