



OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION

National Conference October 10-13, 2019

Hunter Conference Center, Charles Hunter Rm
Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah
351 W. University Blvd, Cedar City, Utah 84720
Register online at: www.OldSpanishTrail.org,
or download the form and mail it.



Theme: Travelers Along the Old Spanish Trail

There will be presentations all day Friday and Saturday, with OSTA Board Meeting on Thursday morning, and Field Trips on Thursday and Sunday.

COSTS:

Registration fees for OSTA members are \$110, which includes lunches on Friday and Saturday and reception on Friday evening at the Frontier Homestead Museum. Early-bird registration is available **before August 1**, for only \$85. Register online at www.OldSpanishTrail.org, or download the registration form and mail your registration.

MEALS:

Lunch Friday is included in registration and food at the Thursday evening at the Homestead Museum. Friday and Saturday dinners are optional and lunch Saturday is on your own.

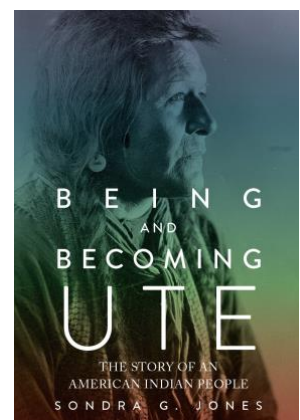
ACCOMODATIONS:

Choose from six hotels who are offering special rates for the Conference, ranging from \$73.99 to \$119 per night, see the back of the Registration Form. *Please call the hotel of your choice and make reservations.*

PRESENTATIONS:

Some of the presentations planned include:

- **Walkara on the Old Spanish Trail.** Sondra Jones, Phd, Professor of History at University of Utah, author of "Being and Becoming Ute" and "The Trial of Don Leon Lujan." will speak on how Utes exploited the Old Spanish Trail and Chief Walkara, known to some as the greatest horse thief in history.
- **Sulphur Mustang Herd.** Chad Hunter, BLM Wild Horse/Rangeland Management Specialist will discuss the Wild Horse and Burro Program and focus on the genetics that show they have a Spanish lineage.



MORE PRESENTATIONS:

- **Bicycle treks along the Old Spanish Trail.** Even before it was designated as a National Historic Trail, Kenn and Lorraine Carpenter bicycled the length of the Trail from Santa Fe, NM to the old Plaza in Los Angeles several times, passing through rough back country as well as heavily traveled major cities. The Carpenters will conduct a power point presentation of preparations for their travels, the scenery, people and wildlife met, and the weather endured, and invite you to join in a discussion of difficulties and discoveries they encountered along the way.
- **Old Spanish Trail across the San Rafael Desert.** Wade Allinson will discuss the use of Old Spanish Trail across the San Rafael Desert from Green River and down Salina Canyon. He will expand on the various groups that traveled the trail from the 1830s to 1860s. He will present maps, sketches and trace trail evidence that he has been able to discover. He will also discuss Chateau/Pratt, Antoine Leroux, Jed Smith, the Elk Mountain Mission, Colonel Loring, Gunnison and the 5th Infantry. Co-author of “The Elk Mountain Mission”.
- **Wolfskill Expedition: Trailblazers on the Old Spanish Trail 1830-1831.** Conchita Marusich will discuss the Wolfskill Expedition, an historic journey over the Main Route of the Old Spanish Trail led by her great-great-grandfather, William Wolfskill, in 1830-31. She will tell the story of how these twenty trappers, including George Yount and Ziba Branch, survived death-defying experiences along the Trail. Conchita and her husband, Rich, will also recount stories about their travels on the Old Spanish Trail as well as share genealogical tips from their research for Conchita’s book on William Wolfskill.
- **Descendants & Travelers of the Trail Presentation.** The Descendants & Travelers of the Trail Chapter will screen a new powerpoint presentation, “The Magic of the Old Spanish Trail,” as we continue to highlight stories of our ancestors who traveled the Old Spanish Trail. They were a diverse group, including trappers, traders, adventurers and eventually families all looking for a better life in California. Members of the Descendants Chapter will be available to answer questions and share their genealogical journeys.
- **Ute Perspectives on the Old Spanish Trail.** Lynn Brittner, Executive Director of OSTA, Paula Mitchell, Special Collections Librarian, for the Gerald R. Sheratt Library at Southern Utah University, Dr. James Jefferson, OSTA Director at large, and Nathan StrongElk, Ute Tribal member will provide various perspectives.
- **Trail Stewardship.** Paul Ostapuk, Secretary of OSTA.
- More presentations to come, including regarding Jediah Smith



FIELD TRIPS:

- Paula Mitchell, Special Collections Librarian, for the Gerald R. Sheratt Library at Southern Utah University will give a tour of the Old Spanish Trail archive on Thursday morning.
- Steve Heath will lead a field trip to the Mountain Meadows Massacre site on Thursday afternoon
- Historic Main Street, Cedar City on Thursday afternoon
- Southern Utah Museum of Art Exhibit: *A World Transformed: The Transcontinental Railroad and Utah: Completion of the transcontinental railroad and examines the railway’s transformational effects on Utah.* Friday Morning
- Al Matheson will lead a field trip along the trail and to the William Wolfskill inscription on Sunday morning.
- Self-guided tours of Old Spanish Trail around Cedar City (Iron County and Washington County Sign Programs), of Parowan Old Rock Church Museum, and petroglyphs in Parowan Gap.



