

Escape – Explore – Experience!

OSTA National Conference, October 20 - 23, 2022

Venue: Courtyard Marriott – Page / Lake Powell

Theme: “From Dust to Gold: Celebrating 20-Years as a National Historic Trail”

Come help us celebrate the 20-Year Anniversary of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail at the annual OSTA conference in Page, Arizona, October 20-23, 2022.

Page, Arizona borders the Navajo Nation and is located next to Lake Powell, the Colorado River, and a network of historic routes that included travel by Dominguez-Escalante in 1776 and Antonio Armijo in 1829.

This is your chance to experience the unique beauty of this historic landscape and network with friends – old and new. The venue will be at the beautiful, Santa Fe-style Courtyard Marriott Conference Center.



Thursday, October 20, 2022

Early Bird Field Trips

This is an opportunity to visit world famous locations such as Horseshoe Bend and Antelope Canyon. Or you can choose to float the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam, kayak Lake Powell or take to the skies with a plane/helicopter tour that offers commanding views of this historic landscape. Please book your commercial tour reservations several months in advance, as demand is high. **Fees Apply.**

Alternative options, include free local hikes to the Hanging Garden in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the City of Page Rim Trail and the Toadstool Trail near the Paria River off Highway 89 in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Thursday is your day to take advantage of these and other unique recreational adventures. Other slot canyon options exist in the area besides Antelope Canyon.



Colorado River float trip



Kayaking Lake Powell



Local Pictograph



Toadstool Hike



Antelope Canyon and Horseshoe Bend are world famous destinations

Thursday Night Reception, October 20, 2022

The conference begins with a reception with finger food at the Glen Canyon Conservancy (GCC) Visitor Center located at 12 North Lake Powell Boulevard. GCC is a local, non-profit partner with the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument. They serve public lands by operating book stores in southern Utah, northern Arizona, and southwestern Colorado. The reception is free to all Old Spanish Trail Association members and guests.



Glen Canyon Conservancy Visitor Center

Friday, October 21, 2022

Conference presentations will take place at the spacious Marriott Conference Center. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided free with your conference registration. The conference will open with a panel session to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the 2002 congressional designation as a national historic trail. We will highlight the important political role the Old Spanish Trail Association played as a trail advocate. The national trail designation is truly a “Dust to Gold” story that OSTA is proud of!

A full slate of speakers will cover a range of topics including retracing the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition from the Lees Ferry area to the Crossing of the Fathers. Friday’s schedule also features noted Arizona Highways photographer, Leroy DeJolie, who will share his personal experiences photographing Navajo Land and chasing golden light across this magical landscape.



Friday Night, October 21, 2022

OSTA will host a free public concert performed by noted Nashville performer and native American violinist Arvel Bird. A prolific songwriter, five of Arvel's CD releases have earned international music awards. One of the most cherished is his classical recording, *Tribal Music Suite: Journey of a Paiute*, a Celtic and Native American concerto for violin and Native American flute, that earned him Best Instrumental Album and Best Producer/Engineer (with Grammy-winning producer Tom Wasinger and Nashville engineer Chas Williams) at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards

For many years, Arvel toured with Glen Campbell, Loretta Lynn, Tom T. Hall, Ray Price, Louise Mandrell, and Clay Walker. His emotionally driven performances leave his audiences inspired, transfixed and transformed.



Saturday, October 22, 2022

Lectures resume with a session focused on recreation-based, economic development and lessons learned related to Navajo Nation heritage tourism. There will also be a panel session related to Spanish artifacts, stories of gold, and a presentation on the lucrative sheep industry to further expand the “Dust to Gold” conference theme.

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner, October 22, 2022

Join us for a wonderfully catered banquet dinner at the Courtyard Marriott.

The exciting news is that Lee Terbosic will provide evening entertainment with his brand of magic and comedy. Lee has performed for audiences across the country with sold out theater shows and he conducts special performances for Fortune 500 companies. You won't want to miss the banquet dinner!



Sunday, October 23, 2021

OSTA Field Trips

The conference concludes on Sunday with a pair of OSTA-guided field trips. These field trips are free with your conference registration.

Option 1: For those choosing to head south to Lees Ferry, a fun day is scheduled enjoying a 2.5-mile round trip walk along the Colorado River upstream from Lee's Ferry boat ramp in scenic Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The trail is a mix of gravel, rocks and sand, with no shade. In 1776, Fathers Dominguez and Escalante camped several days in this location trying to vain to ford the river before

moving farther upstream where they eventually found the Ute Crossing. A century later, Lees Ferry became infamous for transporting saints, sinners, dreamers, schemers, and even a former U.S. President across the Colorado River. We'll explore their stories and the historic district of stone buildings and artifacts left behind, including Lee's Ferry Fort (1874) and Charlie Spencer's mining operation (1911 – 1914). The trail ends at the upper ferry site with a couple historic cabins and formally active spring.



Lees Ferry River Trail

Option 2: For those heading West from Page towards Kanab there are scheduled stops at various viewpoints and short hiking excursions that will help bring to life the Armijo Route of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. This field trip will include a discussion about two route options through the Cockscomb monocline, an imposing geologic formation.



Calico Peak – Old Paria Townsite