

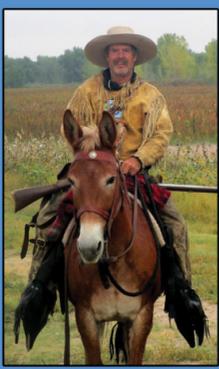
The 2016 Old Spanish Trail Conference July 29-30 Grand Junction Colorado

Welcome to our newsletter for our 2016 Old Spanish Trail Conference! We'll be sending out news and information about our conference every few weeks between now and mid-July, letting you know about our plans, how to register, special features, and a few previews of our presentations.

The Old Spanish National Historic Trail



Join us Friday, July 29, to celebrate 20 years of hiking, biking, horseback riding, and history on Mesa County's Old Spanish National Historic Trail!



Special appearance by 19th Century Re-enactors

Back to the Trail.



**We're getting everybody out on the Trail!
And 2016 OSTA Conference Attendees will receive transportation to and from the Clarion Inn.**

Register Now

Only \$65 for members, includes free transportation for field trips and reception.

Banquet only \$27 per person. Hurry! Deadline is July 15!

Your 2016 OSTA Conference will kick off with a special field trip to Mesa County's Old Spanish Trail—the 7 mile section recently designated a retracement route. We're showing "OSTA in action" — and introducing our trail to new users to a beautiful area that is open to the public for hiking, walking, biking, and horseback riding. This rededication ceremony, made possible by a grant secured by Mesa County from the National Park Foundation, will feature notable local and state Trail enthusiasts, music, and more! The grant is also providing much-needed signage in several areas directing visitors to the trail.

PRESENTATION PREVIEW

Kannah Creek Mystery



Museum of Western Colorado Curator of History David Bailey's presentation will focus on the Kannah Creek area and the mysterious Redoubt Site. Kannah Creek with its reliable water source and lush vegetation has evidence of thousands of years of human history.

Bailey will examine the Spanish Colonial artifacts found at the Redoubt Site near Kannah Creek and theories of why they were deposited in that area.

He will explain the environmental challenges faced by the Western Investigations Team in interpreting the site. For hundreds of years Kannah Creek has overflowed its banks and devastated the landscape around the nearby Redoubt Site.

The artifacts in the flooded areas have been brought to the surface or buried under tons of debris. The continually changing landscape offers many different explanations for the fascinating artifacts discovered by Western Investigations Team at the site.

Reserve Now



The Clarion Inn is our host for our conference with special room rates—but you are encouraged to reserve early to take advantage of this deal! Be sure to mention the conference when you make your reservation.



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Special Exhibit at the Conference

What is a Culturally Modified Tree? What is a Prayer Tree? How did those trees get bent? You may never look at a Ponderosa Pine in the same way after viewing the display that will be at our July OSTA Conference. Prepared by OSTA members Dr. James Jefferson and Douglas Knudson, this fascinating look at Ute Indian Nations traditions that span hundreds of generations will give you a deep appreciation of the culture, knowledge, and reverence for their natural surroundings.

Left, a CMT growing in the San Luis Valley



In Our Next Issue:

What's with the Theme Most Arduous, Least Respected? We'll tell you!

What are these OSTA members doing? (photo, right)

They're getting ready for the 2016 Conference, of course! Read about the unique, one-of-a-kind items you'll find in your "goodie bags!"

Photography on the Trail: Getting the most from your camera, expert advice from Pro Rod Martinez



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