

NATIONAL SPANISH TRAILS SYMPOSIUM

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Cedar City, Utah - (Updated 10/5/07)

Southern Utah University will host a western history symposium on Columbus Day, featuring the "Spanish Trails of the American West." The Symposium is being organized and sponsored by the Southern Utah Chapter of the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA), and will be convened at the Adams Auditorium on the campus of Southern Utah University, 310 West Center Street, in Cedar City, Utah, Friday, October 12, 2007.

Advance registration will begin on Thursday at 4:00 PM, followed by a Sons of Utah Pioneers "chuck wagon" dinner at 6:00 PM for OSTA members and their guests at the Cedar City Park pavilion, 200 North Main Street. Cost is \$10.00 per person at the park.

Friday Morning will see registration for the Trails Symposium by SUU and OSTA representatives at 8:00-9:00 AM in the Adams Theatre, 310 West Center Street, to be followed by featured speakers on a variety of Western Spanish trails topics throughout the day. Two venues will accommodate ample opportunity for participants to select from some sixteen academic presentations. Presentations will include discussions on the Anza, Armijo, National Historic "Old Spanish Trail," and the Dominguez-Escalante trails. Government officials will address trails status and management initiatives throughout the Western states, while various historians will present a variety of academic trails topics ranging from historical events and personalities, to trails navigation, petroglyphs, trail signs and trail markers. Friday evening's event will be a semi-formal Banquet, key note speaker and orchestral presentation by Marshall McDonald and Steve Nelson, composers and arrangers of the "Old Spanish Trail Suite." The concert and banquet will be held in the Great Hall of Southern Utah University at 7:00 PM and is open to the public.

Saturday morning the Spanish Trails Symposium will reconvene at the Great Hall of the Hunter Conference Center at 9:00 AM, with attendees choosing between a no-host equestrian trail ride to historic trail sites, or one of two hosted vehicle treks along Spanish trails. One group will travel along the Old Spanish Trail from Enoch City traces to Mountain Meadow, with lunch at a recently discovered trail site. A second group will travel via the Enoch historic trail sites to the Parowan Gap petroglyph site, then along the Escalante trail to Thermo Hot Springs camp site, the casting of lots monument, and return to Cedar City. Admission is \$40.00 per **household** at the door, including published technical abstracts from the Symposium (\$20.00 for OSTA and SUP members). Students are free with student body card. The Friday night banquet is \$25.00 per person. Trail excursions on Saturday are free to OSTA/SUP members, or \$10.00 per vehicle. Additional information and reservations may be obtained from the undersigned.

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