



OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION



Dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and enjoyment of the emigrant trails of the West.

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www.octa-trails.org

Joining a local chapter is optional and you may join as many chapters as you like. Benefits of chapter memberships include local newsletters, invitations to chapter events, lectures and treks, opportunities to make a difference at the local level and the opportunity to make new friends. Please check the chapter(s) you would like to join and add the additional amount to your payment.

- California/Nevada
[\$10 Individual & Family, \$35 Supporting]
- Colorado/Cherokee Trail [\$10]
[Life Membership at 20 times annual amount]
- Crossroads (Utah) [\$10, \$5 Students]
- Gateway (St. Joseph, MO; NE Kansas)
[\$10, \$15 Family]
- Idaho [\$10]

- KANZA (Kansas, excluding KC and St. Joseph areas) [\$10, \$15 Family]
- Nebraska [\$10]
- Northwest (Oregon, Wash., W. Canada)
[\$10, \$15 Family, \$20 Corporate,
Life Membership at 20 times annual amount]
- Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas) [\$10]
- Trails Head (Kansas City metro) [\$10]
- Wyoming [\$10]

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Payments to OCTA are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Check here to learn about volunteer opportunities.
You can also join online at www.octa-trails.org

Membership Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> Emigrant (Individual)	\$45/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer (Family)	\$60/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Patron (Individual or Family)	\$125/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Merrill J. Mattes Society (Ind. or Fam.)	\$250/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional (Libraries, Museums, etc.)	\$300/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$1,250/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra Meeker Life Member	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> College Student*	\$20/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Educator	\$45/year

OCTA Membership \$ _____

Chapter Membership(s) \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Payment method:

Check enclosed Visa Mastercard

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Expiration Date _____

I would like to make an additional gift to OCTA in the amount of: \$ _____

* Memberships are available for students at accredited colleges/universities.

Join the Oregon-California Trails Association and help preserve our heritage.

Join OCTA and your membership will:

Preserve trails used by emigrant travelers.

Many OCTA members watch over these trails to prevent the destruction of trail remnants, graves and other trail-related sites. Members are also involved in placing markers on the trails and maintaining existing markers. Your membership helps encourage and support OCTA's work.

Promote research and education.

OCTA encourages the study of the trails by publishing scholarly articles, presenting educational programs and developing instructional material for schools. Members can take an active part by participating in trail mapping or collecting data for the documentation of overland emigrant diaries, newspapers, letters, maps and other documents.

Support the OCTA headquarters and library in Independence, Missouri.

OCTA's national headquarters serves as a clearinghouse for information, activities, programs and publications. The Merrill J. Mattes Research Library, located in the National Frontier Trails Museum adjacent to OCTA headquarters, is open to the public for trails study. A satellite library is available at California State Library in Sacramento.

Annual Convention

Join us in August to visit and hike the trails, hear lectures on trail history, and join in the camaraderie of like-minded people.

August 5-9, 2008 - Nampa, ID

August 18-22, 2009 - Loveland, CO

Memberships:

Emigrant - \$45/year:

- Basic membership for individuals
- Receive the quarterly scholarly journal *Overland Journal*, and quarterly newsletter *News From the Plains*.
 - 5% discount on all OCTA merchandise
 - One vote in OCTA's annual election
 - The opportunity to join a local chapter
 - An invitation to OCTA's annual convention

Pioneer - \$60/year:

- Basic membership for families
- *Pioneers* receive the same benefits as the *Emigrant* level, plus two votes in OCTA's annual election

Trail Patron - \$125/year:

Same benefits as the Pioneer level plus a 10% discount on all OCTA merchandise.

Merrill J. Mattes Society - \$250/year:

This prestigious society is named for the former Superintendent of Scottsbluff National Monument, Platte River Road historian and a founding member of OCTA. Members of this society receive the same benefits as the *Trail Patron*, plus:

- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- Two free OCTA publications from selected stock
- A Merrill J. Mattes lapel pin signifying a willingness to help sustain Mr. Mattes' vision.

Institutional (Libraries, Museums, Trail Centers, etc.) - \$300/year:

Designed especially for our friends who support and promote overland emigrant trails. Institutional level members receive the same basic benefits plus:

- A plaque signifying membership
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- A free quarter-page ad in OCTA's two prestigious quarterly publications, *Overland Journal* and *News From the Plains* once per year.

Ezra Meeker Life Member - \$1000:

Named for Oregon Territory pioneer Ezra Meeker, who followed the Oregon Trail in 1852 with his young wife and infant son. In 1906-07, Meeker led the first effort to gain historic status for these emigrant roads when he retraced his route in reverse with a team of oxen and a covered wagon. He retraced the trail later by rail, auto and, during the final year of his life in 1924, by air. Life members receive the same benefits as Mattes Society Members, plus:

- A plaque signifying a willingness to help sustain Meeker's vision
- An Ezra Meeker Life Member lapel pin
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise.

Corporate Member - \$1,250:

OCTA appreciates the support of corporations and businesses who recognize the importance of preserving emigrant trails. Corporate members receive:

- The *Overland Journal*, OCTA's quarterly scholarly journal and *News From the Plains*, OCTA's quarterly newsletter
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- Free half-page ads in OCTA's two quarterly publications twice per year
- Links to the corporate Web site on OCTA's homepage (www.octa-trails.org) during the duration of the membership.

College Student - \$20:

This level is designed especially for undergraduate and graduate students. Members at this level receive the same benefits as the *Emigrant* level.

Educator - \$45:

This level is designed for teachers in elementary, junior high and high schools. Educators receive the same benefits as the *Emigrant* level and access to the education section on OCTA's website (www.octa-trails.org).