An American legacy is at risk. The historic trails trod by half a million pioneers, gold rushers, adventurers, families - people in pursuit of a better life in the West - are under constant threat from development. Many miles of wagon ruts and swales still exist in silent testimony to those hardy souls who built the nation as we know it today.

Join the Oregon-California Trails Association and help preserve our heritage. www.octa-trails.org
## Memberships

### Emigrant - $50/year
Basic membership for individuals
- Receive quarterly scholarly journal *Overland Journal* and quarterly newsletter *News From the Plains*
- 5% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- The opportunity to join a local chapter
- Invitations to OCTA annual conventions and symposia.
- One vote in OCTA's annual election

### Educator - $45/year
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)

### Pioneer - $65/year
Basic membership for families
- **Pioneers** receive the same benefits as the Emigrant level, plus
- Two votes per family in OCTA's annual election

### Pathfinder - $90/year
Same benefits as the Pioneer level plus a 10% discount on registration fee at annual convention.

### Trail Patron - $125/year
Same benefits as the Pioneer level plus a 10% discount on all OCTA merchandise.

### Merrill J. Mattes Society- $250/year
Named for a renown historian and founding member of OCTA. Members of the prestigious Merrill J. Mattes Society receive the same benefits as the Trail Patron, plus:
- A 15% discount on all OCTA merchandise
- Two free OCTA publications from selected stock

### Institutional (Libraries, Museums, Trail centers, etc.) - $300/year
Designed specifically for our friends who support and promote overland emigrant trails education, 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- $1,000
Named for Oregon Territory pioneer Ezra Meeker, who followed the Oregon Trail with his young wife and infant son in 1852, retraced it in 1906-07, and led the effort to gain historic trail status for the emigrant road until his death in 1924. 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/year
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 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/year
This level is designed especially for undergraduate and graduate students. Members at this level receive the same benefits as Emigrant level.

### Youth - $10 (One-time dues payment)
Members at this level receive a Trail Scout T-shirt plus linkage to the student Enews network.