



Old Spanish Trail Association National Conference October 5-8, 2017

Quality Inn, 1520 E Main St., Barstow, CA

Register online: www.OldSpanishTrail.org



Theme: Pathways From the Past Lead to the Future

The Conference will explore links from the historic period of the Old Spanish Trail to the present. The people that traveled the Old Spanish Trail settled and established numerous communities in California.. For the western portion of the Old Spanish Trail (west of Parowan, Utah) historical routes have evolved into the Salt Lake Road, Arrowhead Highway, U.S. 91, and Interstate 15.

Costs: Conference registration fees for the full 4-day conference are **\$75 for OSTA members** and **\$85 for non-members**, which includes all presentations, Friday buffet lunch, field trips, reception, and refreshments. **Student rates and one-day rates** are also available. See the online registration form for more details.

Accommodations: *We suggest you make your reservations as soon as possible!* The Quality Inn, 1520 E Main Street, Barstow, California 92311, is hosting the Conference. Reservations at the Quality Inn are available at a discount rate of \$75 per night for occupancy by 1-2 persons (includes free cooked-to-order, hot breakfast). Please call Quality Inn at (760) 256-6891 to make reservations individually. Make sure to mention you are with the Old Spanish Trail Association to receive the discount rate.

There are a variety of other hotels in Barstow and nearby Lenwood ranging from \$40 to \$135 per night. Camping is also available.

Conference Tracks: This year's Conference will have two tracks of presenters providing 18 presentations on Friday and Saturday, October 6 - 7 sharing different aspects of the Old Spanish Trail and the people that traveled it. Presentations will be in adjoining meeting rooms so that participants will be able to easily shift between meeting rooms to hear the presentations of their choice. See the Speaker Schedule on the Old Spanish Trail Association Website: www.OldSpanishTrail.org

Field Trips. A variety of optional field trips will be provided on Thursday, October 5 and Sunday, October 8. In addition, Conference participants will be able to celebrate the Fifth Annual California Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center on Saturday, October 7. The anticipated field trips include:

- **Trujillo Adobe and Agua Mansa Cemetery** – Thursday. Earliest settlement in Riverside County.
- **Town of Daggett** – Thursday afternoon. See the location of Old Spanish Trail, a black smith shop, stone hotel, and museum. Daggett was also the terminus of 20-mule teams.
- **Bitter Springs** – To be determined. Located on Fort Irwin, we are working with the U.S. Army to allow access to this stop along the OST.
- **Fifth Annual California Old Spanish Trail Day** at the Desert Discovery Center – Saturday
- **Main Street Mural Tour** departing from Desert Discovery Center – Saturday morning
- **Forks of the Road** - Sunday morning. Where two major branches of the Old Spanish Trail split, also other visible traces of the trail.
- **Harvey House and Route 66** - Sunday morning.
- **Inbound and Outbound Self-Guided tours** of significant locations along the Old Spanish Trail - Thursday and Sunday.

Other Information: Please watch the Old Spanish Trail Association website, www.OldSpanishTrail.org, for further information and updates regarding the Conference. If you have questions, or need more information, please contact Nelson Miller, 2017 Conference Chair, at nemiller47@yahoo.com.