



## Santa Fe Trail Encampment September 17-18, 2011

The sights, sounds and smells of the 1830s and 1840s Santa Fe Trail and Bent's Fort come to life during the Santa Fe Trail Encampment. Living Historians perform the work of hunters, traders, teamsters, laborers, Army, Plains Indians and craftsmen at the camps in the cottonwoods and in the fort. The fort's newly reborn Dearborn Wagon, the first wagon used for trade and travel on the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails will be on display - the only one known to exist today.

This year's event features music of the Santa Fe Trail performed by noted historian-author-musician Mark Gardner and Rex Rideout using period instruments and historic playing styles. Native American historian-artist Michael "Bad Hand" Terry from Oregon will present lectures on Plains Indian culture using his extensive collection of artwork and recreations. His recently published book, Plains Indians, Regalia and Customs is receiving rave reviews.

There will be living history portrayals of early Santa Fe Trail explorers, health seekers and adventurers. Author Matt Field will want to his wild and sometimes whimsical experiences. German rebel Frederick Wislizenus needs your help in describing his discoveries and observations in this foreign land. With your help, maybe we can find missionary Marcus Whitman, who was lost and trying to make his way to Washington D.C. to speak to the president. Colonel Stephen Watts Kearney will be busy coordinating the efforts of the Army will be glad to speak to you about how the Army is preparing for the war with Mexico.

### Daytime Event Hours

Saturday, September 17, 9 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 18, 9 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Periodic Demonstrations:** Frontier cooking, blacksmithing, carpentry, trade sessions, livestock use, trapping, buffalo hunting, hide tanning, teamster work, frontier music, adobe work, games, and camp life

### Special Daytime Programs Tentative Schedule

"Music on the Santa Fe Trail and the Frontier" by Mark Gardner and Rex Rideout – Saturday: 10:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M.

Sunday September 17: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM

Plains Indian Culture and History by Michael "Bad Hand" Terry – Saturday: 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM

Sunday September 18: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM

### Ongoing Special Portrayals:

<u>Person</u>	<u>When at Bent's Fort</u>	<u>Background Information</u>
Frederick Wislizenus	1839	naturalist, adventurer; writings are excellent account of the frontier.
Matt Field	1843	newspaper reporter, journal became series, "Sketches of the Mountains and the Prairies" in the <u>New Orleans Picayune</u> newspaper
Marcus Whitman	1843	missionary; "Father of the Oregon Trail", on his way to meet the president became lost near Bent's Fort, massacred at Oregon Mission in 1847
Stephen Watts Kearney	1846	commander of the Army of the West who staged the War with Mexico near Bent's Fort

### Special Evening Program

Saturday September 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Frontier music of the period - banjo and fiddle music performed by Mark Gardner and Rex Rideout  
Representations of Matt Field, Marcus Whitman, Frederick Wislizenus, and Colonel Stephen Watts Kearney.

### Trail Map to Camps



