



Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

Embracing Internships



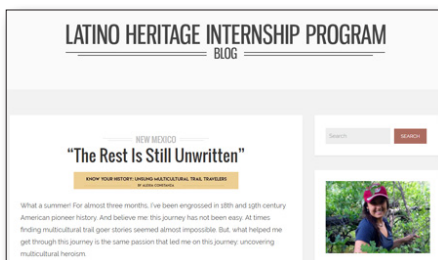
Latino Heritage Internship Program:
Alexia Costanza

"I graduated from James Madison University where I received a bachelor of arts degree in technical communication and creative writing. I am a bachata dance enthusiast and multimedia guru who is passionate about Hispanic culture, writing, and video producing. Over the summer, I sought to uncover over 400 years of Hispanic history along the trails administered by National Trails Intermountain Region."

Alexia successfully identified and compiled the materials needed to build Story Maps for all nine trails and is currently uploading content.

To learn more about the Story Map project and Alexia's trail experiences in Santa Fe, visit her blog at:

www.latinoheritageintern.com/author/aconstanza/



University of New Mexico Interns:
Philip Taccetta and Brian Griffith

Brian and Philip traveled to Council Grove, Kansas, to work with the community and stakeholders on reviving the 50-mile Boy Scout Trail along the Santa Fe Trail between Burlingame and Council Grove. They are currently working on a draft document reflecting work completed during their week in Kansas.



Stephen F. Austin State University:
Emmanna (Emma) Wilson

Emma joined us for the summer from Stephen F. Austin State University as a digital media intern. She completed the Santa Fe National Historic Trail (NHT) media tour stops for the four national parks on the trail. Emma also developed junior ranger programs, Story Map content, social media recommendations, and safety materials.

National Park Service Centennial

2016

There are still three months left to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service! One more Santa Fe Trail centennial event to go!

nps.gov/safe/getinvolved/2016.htm

The Santa Fe NHT media tour and rack cards have a home on the new "Trip Itineraries" web page. If you have recommendations for an itinerary day on the trail or still have not submitted a stop for the media tour, contact:

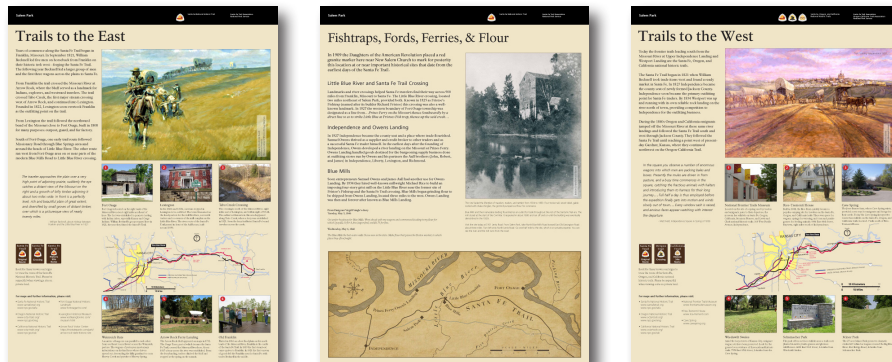
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Junior ranger family,
Las Vegas, New Mexico

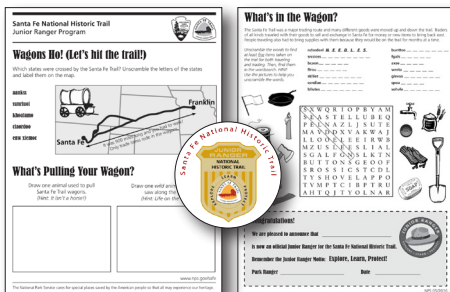
Salem Park Exhibits

Three new exhibits will be installed this fall at Salem Park in Independence, Missouri. They cover Salem Park to Blue River plus trails to the east and west.



Junior Ranger

A new junior ranger activity designed for National Park Service Centennial events is available. It is a brief yet engaging activity (soon to be online). Participants earn a Santa Fe NHT junior ranger sticker. Visit the website: nps.gov/safe/learn/kidsyouth/beajuniorranger.htm

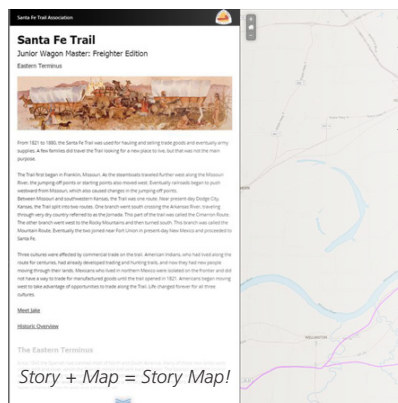


Volunteer Funding

Wondering how the volunteer hours you submit to the National Park Service translate into project funding? Here are a few examples of support for Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA) programs:

- Patches for the Junior Wagon Master Program
- Supplies for SFTA chapters to host youth geocaching events
- Geocache maintenance kits for GeoTour checkers
- Education and training books for board, committee, chapter use
- Purchase of *Santa Fe Trail Adventures* books for youth outreach programs

Junior Wagon Master



The Junior Wagon Master program has been turned over to SFTA! The program is now managed by SFTA board member Janet Armstead and she is giving it her full attention.

National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) is working with SFTA to create a digital version of the Junior Wagon Master booklets using the NPS Story Map web system. Story Maps allow for digital tools to follow the trail and uploads of documents. Questions?

wagonmaster@santafetrail.org

Offering the program digitally and in print can expand use.

Kansas City Area

40-Mile Retracement Trail Planning

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the metropolitan planning organization for the bistate Kansas City area, is working with city and county governments as well as National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) to plan a 40-mile Santa Fe, Oregon, and California NHT retracement trail. The project kick-off meeting occurred on July 19, 2016. MARC is identifying existing trail segments and sites that may become part of the plan, as well as gaps that may need additional planning.

Sign Update—Johnson County

The Johnson County, Kansas, (Kansas City Metro Area) sign plan for the shared route of the Oregon, California, and Santa Fe NHTs is complete. SFTA, the Oregon-California Trails Association, and the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association identified 75 signs across more than 20 miles of trail. It includes seven city and county road jurisdictions. The signs are ordered and will be in place prior to the 2017 SFTA Symposium in Olathe, Kansas.

Project Queue

Have a project idea? Please contact NTIR staff early in the process. The project queue is scheduled years ahead. If your project is time sensitive, we can also discuss other options for moving forward.

National Trails Intermountain Region

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