

WANTED:

Cub Scouts
11-year-old Boy Scouts
Scout Leaders
Scout Families



JOIN THE TREK!! - Saturday, October 18, 2008

You can earn the Mormon Battalion Trail Award!

This Trek coincides with the arrival of Kevin and Denny Henson, history buffs who are hiking the entire 2000+ mile trail from Council Bluffs, Iowa to San Diego, California, keeping close to the original path and timetable (www.battaliontrek.com). Participants will have the opportunity to learn about daily life in the 1840s and develop an appreciation for the hardships that were considered routine in those days.



Available Itineraries:

Depart:	Path:	From:	To:
8:00 AM*	1 - 2	Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space*	Montaño Picnic Area
8:00 AM	1 - 3	Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space	Rio Grande Nature Center
10:00 AM**	2 - 4	Montaño Picnic Area**	Albuquerque Museum

* To make it an 'honest' five miles, start on the west side of the Rio Grande at 7:45 AM and walk across the pedestrian bridge to the Rio Grande Open Space departure point.

**Form your group at the parking lot then walk east across the Montaño bridge; meet the main hiking body at approximately 10:15 AM where the trail passes under the road.

The requirements for the Mormon Battalion Trail Award are available at www.mormonbattalion.com/scouts/trail.shtml. Trail Award info packets will be available at the Montaño meeting spot.

THE AWARD MAY BE EARNED BY ANY BSA MEMBER - you do not have to be part of an LDS-sponsored Scouting Unit!! Registered adult leaders of Cub Scouts and 11-year-old Boy Scouts may also earn the Trail Award!

Contact Blaine Bachman with any questions: nmcompanyusmb@comcast.net

IMPORTANT:

- In keeping with the historical theme, participants should avoid bringing unnecessary and inappropriate items on the Trek (Generally speaking, if *they* didn't have it, *you* don't need it!).
- Dress appropriately for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring water. Scout shirts and period clothing are strongly encouraged.
- Period-specific trail snacks are encouraged and could include jerky, dried fruit, nuts, and hardtack (pilot) biscuits.
- Be sure to plan how you will get back to your starting point (many SunTran busses run on Saturday; plan your return trip at www.cabq.gov/transit).
- Adults should bring mobile phones for safety and coordination purposes; other routine use should be minimized to avoid detracting from the spirit of the Trek.

This trek is a **FREE**, grassroots effort, neither sponsored nor sanctioned by the Boy Scouts of America, the LDS Church, the Mormon Battalion Association, Battalion Trek, LLC, or the New Mexico Company MB Assoc. Participating BSA units are encouraged to file a Tour Permit with their local council; **proof of Tour Permit is required to earn the Trail Award**. All participants must provide for their own needs and are responsible to know and follow all laws, ordinances, rules, and guidelines pertaining to their use of these public lands and adjacent facilities and to respect the rights of private property owners along the route.