

National and Historic Trails Encampment

IRON SPRINGS, Utah, will be the site of the Second Annual Historic Trails Encampment, a family oriented introduction to the historic trails of Southern Utah. The annual event is free to all persons, with free campfire programs, educational exhibits, period demonstrations, and free campfire weenie roasting/marshmallow toasting for children under the age of 12.

Events will begin in late afternoon (6PM) when it cools off on Saturday, **July 25, 2015**, with trail rides along adjacent National Historic Trails in a variety of horse drawn vehicles, to include open wagons and a number of horse drawn vehicles. The location is approximately 8 miles west of Cedar City, Utah, on Highway 56..., then north along the Iron County Land Fill road for 3 miles. The Trails location is the first structure on the right side of the highway and prior to the Land Fill.

Afternoon activities will also include Mountain Main exhibits and period demonstrations, such as archery and flint knapping, horse rides, pioneer games, horse shoe pitching contests, bull throwing sessions, and general plethora of pioneer activities. The

An evening campfire program at the encampment will include fireside "Cowboy Poetry," a night sky orientation and lectures on trails history. The trails encampment is sponsored jointly by the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Cedar City Chapter, and The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA). Trails facilities are provided by Spencer Bowman and Frank Nichols, Vice President of the Southern Utah Chapter of OSTA. Program is under the direction of Alva Matheson, SUP Director of Treks and Monuments and Utah Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association (435) 586-9762.

Note: There will be no commercial ventures or vendor sales permitted.