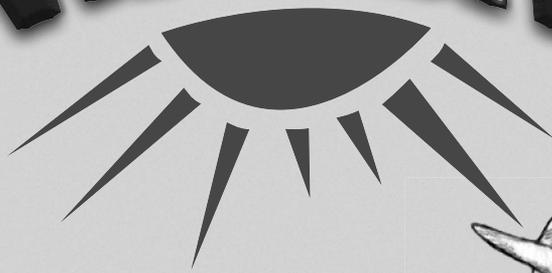




JUNIOR WAGON MESSIAH



JOIN THE WAGON TRAIN
WAGONS HO!



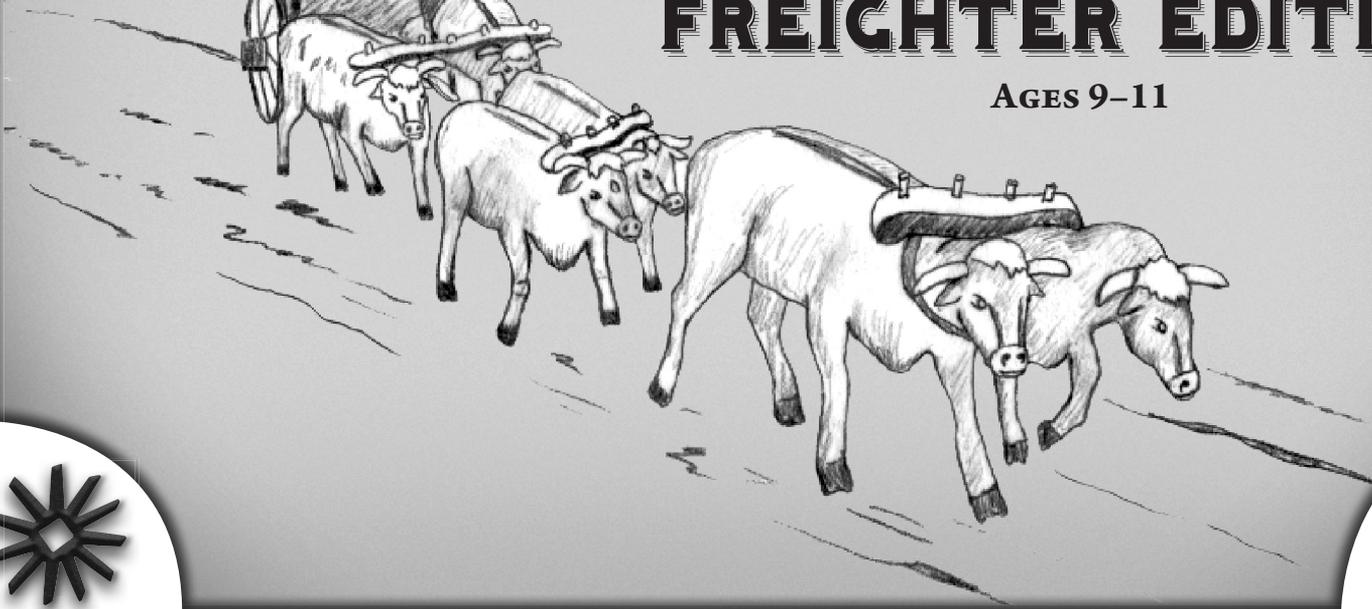
OF THE *Santa Fe Trail*



AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

FREIGHTER EDITION

AGES 9-11

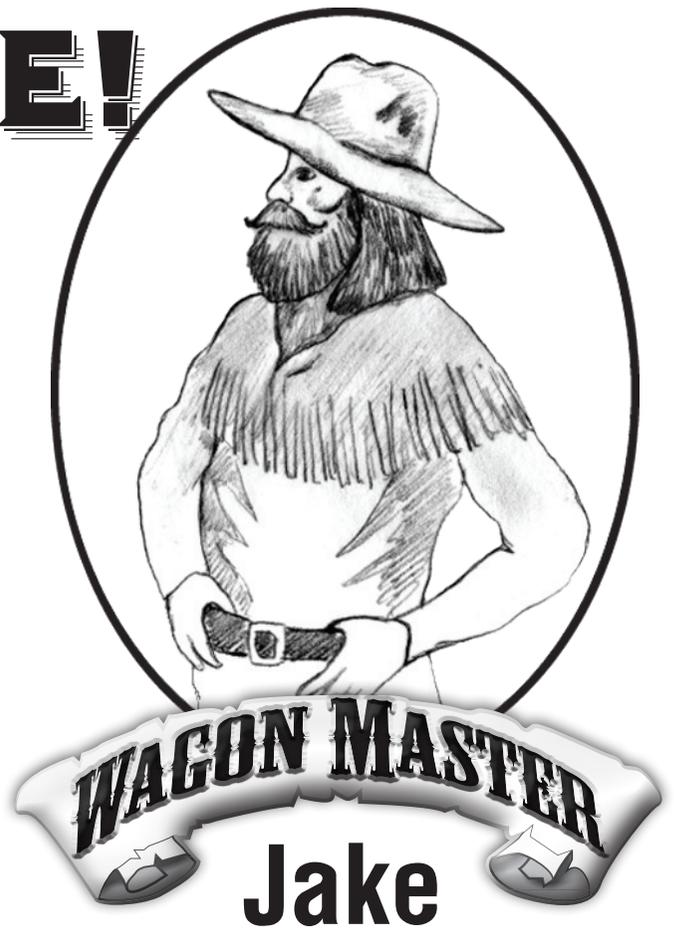


WELCOME!

Glad to have you on the Santa Fe Trail wagon train! I'm Jake, by the way, the Wagon Master.

It's good that you happened by, because I'm in need of helpers up and down the Trail!

After you learn about the Santa Fe Trail and complete the activities, I'll make you an official **Junior Wagon Master!**



TRAVEL TODAY! -

You will probably be traveling by car along highways and county roads. In the days of the Santa Fe Trail, it took the wagons pulled by draft animals three months to get from Franklin, Missouri, to Santa Fe, in Mexico, traveling along rivers and creeks, and American Indian trails. Time to get you outfitted and give you a job! Read on to find out more!

SANTA FE TRAIL JUNIOR WAGON MASTER PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

Research, Writing, and Activity Development: **Janet Armstead, Chris Day, and Marcia Fox, Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA) Education Committee Members** • Select Illustrations: **Diane Dickey; Coreen Kolisko, National Park Service**

• Illustrations and Activity Designs: **Helen K. Kilian/Footpath Studio** • Original Booklet and Patch Designs:

Helen K. Kilian/Footpath Studio • Project Managers: **Sharon Brown and Carol S. Clark,**

National Park Service • Project Fiscal Manager: **Joanne VanCoevern, SFTA Manager**

• Project Administrator: **Linda Revello, SFTA Office Administrator** • Consultant: **Dr. Joyce Theirer**

WORKING ON THE WAGON TRAIN!

.....EXPLORE THE PAST.....



The Santa Fe Trail was used from 1821 until 1880, when the first railroad made it to Santa Fe. The Santa Fe National Historic Trail was made a part of the National Trails System as part of the National Park Service in 1987. The NATIONAL PARK SERVICE and SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION worked together to create this program for you.

You will start on the Santa Fe Trail as a Freighter. Since the Santa Fe Trail was a route of trade and commerce, freighters were responsible for hundreds of huge wagons pulled by oxen. Thousands of dollars of merchandise and army supplies were packed into these wagons. Freighters worked to make sure these goods arrive safely to their destination.

Stay on your toes!

There's more to do on the wagon train! These other **Junior Wagon Master Booklets** have something for everyone!



.....TAKE THE SANTA FE TRAIL.....

When you begin your journey to become a Junior Wagon Master, you will learn the history of the Santa Fe Trail by visiting sites along portions of the 900-mile historic route. You will learn to protect special places along the trail, while exploring where trail travelers went, and studying how they lived.

HISTORIC OVERVIEW OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL

From 1821 to 1880, the Santa Fe Trail was used for hauling and selling trade goods and eventually army supplies. A few families did travel the Trail looking for a new place to live, but that was not the main purpose.

The Trail first began in Franklin, Missouri. As the steamboats traveled further west along the Missouri River, the jumping-off points or starting points also moved west. Eventually railroads began to push westward from Missouri, which also caused changes in the jumping-off points.

Between Missouri and southwestern Kansas, the Trail was one route. Near present-day Dodge City, Kansas, the Trail split into two routes. One branch went south crossing the Arkansas River, traveling through very dry country referred to as the Jornada. This part of the trail

was called the Cimarron Route. The other branch went west to the Rocky Mountains and then turned south. This branch was called the Mountain Route. Eventually the two joined near Fort Union in present-day New Mexico and proceeded to Santa Fe.

Three cultures were affected by commercial trade on the trail. American Indians, who had lived along the route for centuries, had already developed trading and hunting trails, and now they had new people moving through their lands. Mexicans who lived in northern Mexico were isolated on the frontier and did not have a way to trade for manufactured goods until the trail opened in 1821. Americans began moving west to take advantage of opportunities to trade along the Trail. Life changed forever for all three cultures.



A WORD OF ADVICE -



You are not expected to travel the entire Trail at one time. Each booklet has been divided into four sections:

Eastern Terminus

(Missouri & Kansas)

Central Portion

(Kansas)

Mountain Route & Cimarron Route

(Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, & northern New Mexico)

Western Terminus

(Santa Fe, New Mexico, area)



Each booklet contains the same background information which is intended to let visitors know the importance of the sites to the history of the Trail.

Adults accompanying younger children should assist them as they work through the booklet, because everybody should lend a hand on the Santa Fe Trail!

YOUR GOAL: -

HAVE FUN LEARNING HISTORY!

To qualify for one of the Junior Wagon Master Section Patches you must complete a total of **eight activities** in a geographic section. The eight activities could be a combination of **site tasks**, **Wagon Master Challenges**, or **side trips**. Once you have completed those eight you will show your booklet to a staff person in one of the designated museums or National Park locations (see back page). This person will help you check your answers for completion. After your booklet is checked contact: Santa Fe Trail Association, 1349 K-156 Hwy, Larned, KS 67550 or info@santafetrail.org or call 620-285-2054 to receive your patch(es). How far on the Santa Fe Trail can you go? Try to collect all four Section Patches!



YOUR GUIDE: -

HOW TO USE YOUR BOOKLET

For each location you visit in a section there are **site tasks** related to that place. There are also **Wagon Master Challenges** related to the trail which can be completed as you drive from site to site or even at home. Finally, there are **side trips** that you might find interesting as you travel. If you go to one of these, take a picture to show you were at the site.

Look for these icons to help you plan your visits to sites along the Santa Fe National Historic Trail:



Kipi Cap for Military History



Freight Wagon for Anglo-American Culture



Hand Cart for Mexican Culture



Eagle Feather for American Indian Culture



Trail Marker for NPS/SFTA Signs & Information



DAR for Daughters of the American Revolution Marker



Mountain for Landmarks & Unique Terrain



Dollar Sign for Admission Fees



Checkmark for Site to Share Booklet for Staff Checking



Highway Sign for Driving Directions & Address Info

YOUR GEAR: -

THINGS TO BRING ALONG

Pocket Folder
Camera

Crayons
Blank Paper

Pencils
Bug Spray

Hat
Sunscreen

Water
Map/GPS Locator