



MORMON BATTALION MESA ARIZONA COMPANY TRAIL PATCH INSTRUCTIONS



Scout Troops are invited to experience the Historic Mormon Battalion Trail and Butterfield Stage Route and earn the Mormon Battalion Trail Patch.

The requirements are listed below:

1. Camp on the trail.
2. Complete a 3-hour service project on the trail.
3. Cook on the trail.
4. Have the history of the trail explained to your unit by the Mormon Battalion.

If a scout earns the trail patch and then achieves the rank of Eagle Scout, a unique Buffalo Skull Neckerchief Slide will be presented at his Eagle Court of Honor by the Mormon Battalion if so invited. Slide **can only be presented** at Eagle Court of Honor. The Mormon Battalion Trail Patches are \$3.00 each. Make checks payable to: *The Mormon Battalion*.

To schedule Mormon Battalion Trail Presentations, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor Presentations, or purchase Trail Patches, please contact the following Battalion members:

Trail-Master: Owen Garner, 480-830-6129, e-mail owen@strongdesigns.com
Chief Advisor: Lloyd Smith, 480-830-9216, e-mail ldsmith38@msn.com
Trail Patches: Curtis Standage, 480-325-1759, e-mail cgstandage@hotmail.com
Courts of Honor: Jim Abney, 480-830-8080, e-mail jimabney@cox.net

BLM Closure of Trail

The BLM has closed the entire trail area to vehicles in order to repair damage done by off-roaders (OHVs). By agreement between the BSA Grand Canyon Council and the Bureau of Land Management, scout groups are an exception if the following requirements are met:

- + Owen Garner must be contacted to schedule the campout with the BLM.
- + Camping is restricted to Christmas Camp.
- + Campers must bring in own wood, use provided fire rings, and haul out ashes.
- + Each participant shall be privileged to participate in a 3-hour restoration service project as directed by the BLM.
- + Each unit must provide a copy of their Tour Permit and each Parental Consent Form for the BLM records.
- + Camping is restricted to **2** dates per month as follows: October 17-18 & 24-25; November 14-15 & 28-29; December 12-13 & 19-20; January 9-10 & 23-24; February 13-14 & 27-28; March 13-14 & 27-28; April 10-11 & 17-18. There is plenty of room for multiple units each date. Camporee scheduling may vary from this schedule as needed.

Troops not participating in the Mormon Battalion program must contact the BLM directly for authorization of their event. Such authorizations are limited. Phone 623-580-5651.

Contact Owen Garner, as listed above, for further information, answers to questions, and for maps and directions to Christmas Camp.