



MORMON BATTALION MESA ARIZONA COMPANY TRAIL PATCH INSTRUCTIONS 2013-2014



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 overnight on the trail.
2. Cook on the trail.
3. Hike 5 miles on the trail.
4. Do a service project on the Trail/campsite.
5. 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 Wild Bull 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 Arizona Mormon Battalion*.

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

Trail-Master: Owen Garner, 480-577-3887, e-mail garnerowen@gmail.com

Chief Advisor: Lloyd Smith, 480-830-9216, e-mail ldsmith38@msn.com

Trail Patches: Curtis Standage, 480-325-1759, e-mail dkstamp30@hotmail.com

Eagle Courts of Honor: Jim Abney, 480-299-3911, e-mail jimabney@cox.net

BLM Closure of Trail

The BLM has closed the entire trail area to motor vehicles in order to repair damage done by off-roaders. 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.
- + Camping is restricted to the Christmas Camp location.
- + Campers must bring in own wood, use provided fire pans, and haul out ashes.
- + Unless notified otherwise, the service project is to pick up any trash and leave camp area clean.
- + Scout camping is restricted to **2** dates per month as follows: October 11-12 & 25-26; November 8-9 & 22-23; December 6-7 & 13-14; January 10-11 & 24-25; February 7-8 & 21-22; March 7-8 & 28-29; April 11-12 & 18-19. There is plenty of room for multiple units each date. Camporee and specialty 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 maps and directions to Christmas Camp.