

# WAGONTRAIN ESSENTIALS

Looking for a unique vacation experience? Come join us for an authentic wagon journey as experienced in the 1800's. The Highway 50 Association Wagon Train has many fun filled activities guaranteed to entertain everyone in the family. There is a meeting each night following a delicious catered meal. Our Wagon Master will remark on the day's journey and share the following days instructions. You must be there. Bring your chairs and share in the camaraderie with fellow pilgrims. If we have musicians in our group, we may enjoy their talent, If you would like to share music, tell tall tales, or share an appropriate craft skill, Let us know, even if it is last minute.

Our Service Trailer will be available during all daily stops and during the nights. It contains 3 potties for our travelers and 275 gallons of fresh water for our horses.

Register to guarantee your spot today!

## Period Dress & Wagons

(Era: 1840-1879's) We suggest you keep baggage light. In the wagons, use a sturdy duffle bag, no plastic coolers. All Wagons or Buggies must be authentic Era – No pneumatic tires. Please dress in period attire from the 1840's to 1870's. NO baseball caps, tank tops, T-shirts, halter tops, or shorts while riding on train. Thank you!

## Services:

- Shuttle Service is available daily, for a \$10 fee per day, to help people move their vehicles, cars and trailers to our next stop.
- FOOD: You may provide your own food and cooking arrangements. However, we have a caterer for Saturday evening May 30 through Wednesday June 3, 2026. The caterer includes two hot meals and a bag lunch available for pickup at breakfast. Separate reservations for food will be made and paid for before the Wagon Train. The menu will be available online in April. Extra daily meals may be available some days. Check with the Registration Clerk or Caterer.
- NOTE: Meals for the final Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be on your own. Meals are available for purchase from Fresh Pond Deli and Pollock Pines Community Center.
- Thursday afternoon (about 5pm) our annual BBQ takes place. The Association supplies the meat, bread, and water. Everyone participating contributes to the Potluck: a salad, hot dish, or dessert.
- All wagon passengers will be assigned a wagon seat by the Registration Clerk. Passengers will remain in that wagon for the trip, unless otherwise directed by the Registrar. Occasionally wagon loads are adjusted when grade or horse conditions demand.
- Passengers are asked NOT to load yourself or baggage until given the OK by teamster. For everyone's safety, it is critical that horses are completely harnessed to the wagon and the teamster has control in the box. You will notice that SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.
- Minors are the responsibility of the parent or assigned guardian.
- Bottled water will be available in all wagons for traveling participants.

## **Clothing: (Elevation changes from 8,000-2,000 ft., plan for all weather conditions)**

- 1-2 warm jackets, one with hood, 2-3 pairs of jeans, 2-3 blouses or shirts.
- Hat with tie strings (no baseball caps) ladies or men, ladies optional bonnet.
- Two pairs of boots or shoes, well broke in, in case 1 pair gets wet.
- Pair of gloves, ladies' apron optional for period dress.
- 1-3 long pioneer-like dresses or long wrap around skirts with blouses (ladies), suspenders for men.

## **Camping:**

- For sleeping: Tent, Camper, Trailer, Motorhome, vehicle, horse trailer, etc. (No sleeping in Hwy 50 Wagons.)
- For tents waterproof is best, just in case! Avoid bigger tents, make sure there is a "fly" over the top.
- Small hammer, tent stakes and poles.
- Warm sleeping bag, pillow blanket.
- Motels are available in Meyers, Kyburz and Pollock Pines. Call Jack for suggestions @530-344-0774.
- Lantern, flashlights, toilet paper
- Pail and/or wash basin, towels, small mirror, metal cup, canteen.
- Soap. Brush, shaving items, shampoo, toothbrush.

## **Additional Items:**

- Camera, sunscreen, insect repellent, tweezers, watch.
- Pocket money, health insurance card, water, snack items (nuts and dried fruits are ideal.)
- For wagon riders, a small but thick pillow. (wood seats are quite hard).
- Musical instruments (packed in sturdy cases): favorite craft items.

## **For Horseback Riders:**

- Horse saddle with clean cinch, clean saddle blanket.
- Halter (if you do not have a halter-bridle).
- Good lead rope with strong snap, halter, brush, curry comb.
- Salve for sores, insect repellent, hoof pick.
- Sponge, bucket, leather for repairs, clean rags.
- Feed, tie line.

NOTE: Current Coggins Test and Health Certificate are required for all horses and mules. This is your responsibility.

## **Cancellations:**

If a cancellation is made by May 22, 2026, a refund will be issued. To cancel any time before the train, call Alice Schug, Treasurer at 530-344-8328 or email: [mmmdaddy57@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmdaddy57@yahoo.com). Cancellations made after May 22, the refund will be considered after Wagon Train and will be at the discretion of the Wagon Train Association Board of Directors.