Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents

Dragoon Springs Stage Station and Cochise-Howard Treaty Sites Tour
Guided by Archaeologist Deni J. Seymour
and Historian Norman Wisner

Saturday
January 4, 2020,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Dragoon Springs Stage Station site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, served the Jackass and Butterfield Overland mail companies during the 1850s and 1860s, and is where mail company workers and Civil War soldiers were killed and buried in different years. Debate surrounding the burials will be discussed by tour leaders.

The Cochise-Howard Treaty site is where Brigadier General Oliver Otis Howard met with the Apache leader Cochise in October 1872 to negotiate the surrender and relocation of Cochise’s Chokonen Apache band. The place of that meeting, which culminated in a peace treaty between Cochise’s band and the U.S. government, has been rediscovered Dr. Seymour based on photographs of unique boulder formations, written historical descriptions of the landscape, and archaeological evidence that she will discuss during our visit.

Detailed accounts of historical sources and archaeological investigations will enrich tour participants’ understandings of these cultural heritage sites.

TOUR GUIDES

Dr. Deni Seymour is a research archaeologist, ethnohistorian, public speaker, and author whose lifelong research has focused largely on the Protohistoric and Historic period Native American and Spanish colonial cultures of the U.S.’s “southern Southwest.” For over 30 years she has studied ancestral Chiricahua, Mescalero, and Lipan Apache, Sobaipuri O’odham, and lesser-known Jumano, Jano, Jocome, Manso, and Sama mobile groups. She has excavated at the Spanish period Santa Cruz de Terrenate and Tubac presidios and several indigenous sites, assists native peoples in reconnecting with their heritage, and is rewriting the history of the southern Southwest’s pre-Spanish and Colonial periods. Dr. Seymour has authored or edited more than 100 publications including six books, articles in refereed journals and edited volumes, and popular venues, and has served as guest editor of journals. She is affiliated with two academic institutions and the nonprofit Jornada Research Institute.

Norman Wisner is a historian who is especially knowledgeable about the Dragoon Springs Stage Station site and its history. He attributes his unique set of research skills to his extensive experience as a licensed land surveyor in Arizona, California, and Nevada, South America, and Central Asia. During his 46 years of survey and civil engineering in southern Arizona he has acquired invaluable knowledge of historical maps, land research techniques, past and present surveying methods, and research methods and skills essential to locating and tracing old roads. Norm has performed extensive research on numerous historical roads, military camps, and buildings in southern Arizona including the Dragoon Springs Station and has published the latest information concerning the discovery of the graves of the Butterfield Overland Co. workers who were murdered there on September 9, 1858.

Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 p.m. January 2, 2020, whichever is earlier.**

* Contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center for reservations: 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org. See information on next page.
** See next page for donation information.
IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. Full payment of the donation is due with tour registration. A portion of the tour donation will be a tax-deductible contribution to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center in an amount to be determined based on tour expenses compared to revenues after all expenses have been paid. Any entrance fee savings from passes, permits, memberships, etc., become part of the donation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center. We welcome singles, couples, and groups.

DONATION AMOUNT: Donations are requested to help cover Old Pueblo’s tour expenses and support our education programs in archaeology and traditional cultures. We normally request a $45 donation per participant ($36 for Old Pueblo or Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary members) for each full-day tour. However, because the sites we’ll visit are on National Forest land, Old Pueblo would have to obtain a federal special-use permit and limit the tour to 12 people if we were to specify a donation amount, so we ask each person going on the tour to provide a generous donation when registering.

CANCELLATIONS less than seven days prior to departure date are not refundable. Cancellation notice must be received in writing or via email and will be effective as of the date received. Cancellations after final payment date/time will result in forfeiture of all money paid. No refund will be made for leaving a program in progress. Trip insurance is highly recommended. Old Pueblo reserves the right to cancel programs while in progress and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis, when in Old Pueblo's sole opinion the health, safety, or well-being of participants requires such action. The tour itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, but participants will be notified of significant changes in advance if the change is under the control of Old Pueblo.

TRANSPORTATION: Registrants are responsible for their own transportation. High-clearance vehicles are not required. Carpooling is encouraged – See below.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: No lodging or meals are included in tour fee. Each participant needs to bring a lunch, at least one quart of water, and other beverages as desired. Snack foods are also recommended. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

DEPARTURE: The tour will meet at 9 a.m. on the south side of Interstate-10 Exit 312 (Sybil Road) about 9 miles east of Benson, Arizona. Those wishing to carpool with others can park vehicles at the departure location at their own risk. (Valuables should not be left in cars). Return time to the meeting place is estimated at 4 p.m. but may be later considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that vehicle problems can occur.

ACCESSIBILITY: The sites to be visited are accessible via unimproved roads for which high-clearance vehicles are required for passage so registrants are advised to carpool and share fuel costs with fellow registrants who can take high-clearance vehicles all the way in to the sites. Participants must walk up to 1/4-mile over undulating desert terrain to get to some of the sites. Tour leaders will allow plenty of time for participants who cannot walk quickly. If you have difficulty walking over desert terrain you will only be able to view some sites from a distance. Participants can walk/hike as much or as little as they wish.

HEALTH ADVISORIES: Bring and wear a hat that protects the back of your neck and your ears. Bring and wear sunscreen lotion. You must be in good physical and mental health to do this tour. We are concerned about your health and safety, and at least one tour leader has had first-aid and CPR training, but medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of the tour. You are responsible for selecting events appropriate to your abilities and limitations. If you have any doubts about your ability to participate, please contact us prior to registering. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported when the reservation is made, and a follow-up explanatory letter may be required.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ABIDE by all federal, state, and tribal regulations pertaining to visitation to historic sites, antiquities, and artifact sites during Old Pueblo Archaeology Center tours. Collecting of artifacts, plants, animals, and mineral specimens is prohibited. Please read the information at https://azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette and http://www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/ about archaeological site etiquette.

MEMBERSHIP: Becoming a member of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center opens a world of new discoveries. A $25, one-year "Friend" membership provides the Old Pueblo Archaeology bulletin and discounts on some of Old Pueblo’s tour and course fees, and publications. Higher levels of membership may provide the member with opportunities to participate in archaeological research projects if desired. For membership details contact Old Pueblo at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org or visit our web site: www.oldpueblo.org.