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Students learn about Anza firsthand while hiking the trail in Oakland.

Discovering New Ways to Reach and Meet Children's Needs on the Trail

The Spanish Viceroy in 1775 knew the value of children. That is why he instructed Anza to recruit families and not just soldiers for the new settlement in Alta California. In the end, nearly half of the settlers that made their way to California were under the age of fifteen. Realizing that children would be able to adapt to a new life on the Spanish frontier, Anza sought out large, young families to help staff and populate the new presidio in San Francisco.

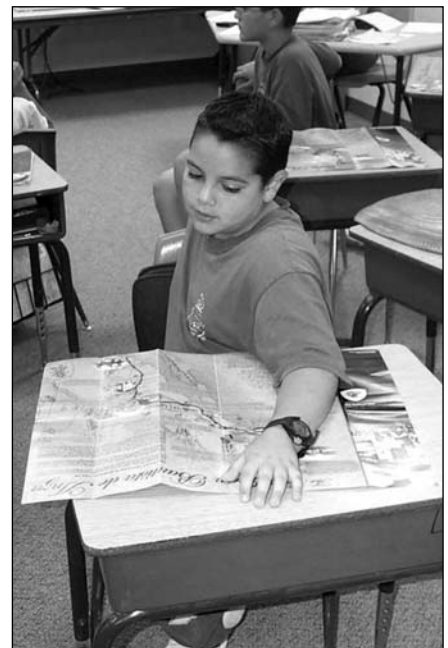
Over two centuries later, trail managers are turning to children once again. With limited resources to reach all of the people along a 1,200-mile route, efforts are now being focused to meet the educational needs of children along the trail corridor.

The big question that Anza Trail staff consistently faces is how to strategically reach more people with the story of the trail. Over the last decade, the National Park Service has leveraged its work by partnering with dozens of cities, organizations, and individuals to help develop this trail.

Fifteen years ago, what was a little known story shared by a few descendants of the Anza expedition and a handful of historians has developed into nearly 300-miles of recreational trail, 900-miles of signed driving route, and a story that is finding increasing resonance with the public. The trail has matured to the point where it can now attempt to reach a far broader audience.

Reaching a classroom with 30 children at one time is far more effective than trying to teach one adult at a time. Training dozens of qualified teachers to teach their children about the Anza Trail is far more strategic than having the trail staff go to all of those classrooms. It is also more efficient to design one program for one grade level than to try to cover multiple years. Working with fourth grade students is the obvious choice. In both Arizona and California, fourth grade is the level when children learn about the history of their respective states and is the most appropriate time to include the Anza Trail story.

Since 2001, the trail staff has been experimenting with various lesson plans and activities to find out what really works with children in the
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A Nogales, Arizona fourth grader learns about the Anza Trail during an in-class mapping activity.

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classroom. While we developed the Long Range Interpretive Plan, people from Nogales to San Francisco repeatedly stressed how important it was to concentrate on educating children about the Anza Trail.

In order to meet this need, we sought a Parks as Classroom (PACS) grant from the National Parks Foundation. Competing with National Parks from around the United States, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail was named the top priority site among the over fifty parks that competed for the grant in our region. In March, we received \$12,500 to complete our education program. The funds must be spent by September 30, 2004, the end of the federal fiscal year.

Luckily for the trail, much of the educational program will be based on work already done by Santa Barbara Presidio docent and former educator Kathy Chalfant. In 2000, as part of a Challenge Cost Share project, Chalfant began work on a comprehensive curriculum for fourth graders describing the Anza Trail. This five-day program allows students to assume the identities of the various people that were on the 1775-76 Anza expedition. Along the way, they learn about the animals and plants of the Anza Trail, the indigenous people that lived along the route, and the many issues faced by the expedition. When they are done, they have a firm understanding of the role the Anza Trail played in the history of Arizona and California.

Over the last two-years, park ranger David Smith has been testing portions of Chalfant's program in classrooms along the trail. Generally well received, the final package that will be distributed during the trainings will include shorter activities that teachers can use in addition to or in lieu of the five-day program. Many of the teachers that were inter-

viewed explained that they needed more flexibility in how they presented this program.

The Hayward Area Historical Society allowed Smith to introduce the project to a group of teachers this last fall and their feedback showed a need for shorter, curriculum-based lesson plans that they could present in 30-minute segments.

Using Chalfant's curriculum as a basis for the project, the grant allows Smith to train up to a hundred fourth grade teachers in six communities along the Anza route. This summer and fall, Smith will travel to the Bay Area, Los Angeles, El Centro, Yuma, Tucson, and Nogales. While there, he will provide teachers with the materials they will need to fully explain the significance of the Anza expedition. In addition, teachers will know how to connect with local trail resources, including local historical sites and areas where they can actually take their class to hike a portion of the historic route.

In the last decade, academic standards have played an increasingly important role in how teachers address subject matter. As a result, the materials that will be provided to teachers as part of this grant are designed to address both national and state standards in Arizona and California.

There are no specific standards that direct teachers to discuss the Anza Trail, but there are many others that have bearing on the curriculum. Some of these include lessons about the various tribes along the trail, the Spanish colonial period, and the history of the California and frontier missions.

Another important component of the PACS grant is the creation and distribution of traveling trunks. At the completion of the project, the trail will have three trunks full of

artifacts and information. At the request of a teacher, these trunks will be sent directly to the school and will be used to complement the curriculum. They will include additional reference items for the teacher as well as a variety of lesson plans. They will include a musical component as well. This will share the sounds and songs from both the Spanish colonial period and the music used by American Indian groups along the trail route. Instruments from the time will accompany CDs of the music. Children will be able to see and touch a real *cuera* - the leather armor used by Spanish soldiers - as well as replicas of the tools and foods used by the Anza expedition.

The materials will be provided in both English and Spanish. The school districts that were identified for the grant are all located in areas that have a sizable or predominant Hispanic population. In order to better meet the needs of students in these areas, the grant is paying for a professional translation of all the teaching materials into Spanish.

While planning for the grant, it became apparent that teachers would need help to attend trainings to either cover the cost of a substitute or to get away on a weekend. To make it easier for them to attend trainings, the grant allows for a \$50 stipend. Training will be conducted throughout the summer and during the fall to allow for greater participation.

As of now, trainings have been scheduled in the San Francisco area for October and in Los Angeles for July. The remaining locations and dates will be set up next month.

If you are an elementary school teacher living in one of these areas and are interested in sharing the Anza Trail story with your classroom, please contact David Smith at (510) 817-1323. ❖

BLM Opens New Public Trail in the Yuha Desert

Whether it has been trail marking in Monterey or sign installation in Gila Bend, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has always been a dependable partner on the Anza Trail.

This March, the staff at the El Centro Office of the BLM went all out with a dedication along the newly marked portion of the Anza recreational trail. With local politicians, regional BLM representatives, and over forty supporters, reporters, and equestrians on hand, local BLM field manager Greg Thomsen officially opened the newest 30-mile segment of the trail.

Beginning just north of Mt. Signal and stretching north to the boundary of Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA), the new addition is a major resource for hikers, equestrians, and bikers allowing multi-day adventures from the border north to the community of Anza. Along the way, they will pass through areas managed by the BLM, Ocotillo Wells SVRA, and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

Superintendent Meredith Kaplan



Juan Bautista de Anza and BLM Recreation Supervisor Dallas Meeks were on hand at the ceremony and unveiled the new signage that will greet visitors.

opened the ceremony, thanking BLM recreational planner Dallas Meeks and archaeologist Margaret Hangan for making this a reality. California Desert District Manager Linda Hansen from the BLM was on hand to thank her staff as well. Imperial County Supervisor Hank Kuiper took time away from campaigning to speak about the history of Imperial County and its important historical legacy. Juan Bautista

de Anza acted as master of ceremonies. Representatives from the Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Antropología y Historia spoke of recent research and plans to place route signs along the driving path in Baja California. An honor guard from the US Border Patrol was on hand to present the flag and to highlight the special role they play in land management issues along the international border.



Imperial County supervisor Hank Kuiper thanks field manager Greg Thomsen and Superintendent Meredith Kaplan (left to right) following the dedication.

photos courtesy El Centro Office of the BLM

Following the ceremony, participants drove the length of the route, looking at some of the significant American Indian sites along the way as well as historical sites associated with the Anza expedition. A group of equestrians from the Backcountry Horsemen's Association used a much more historically accurate means to survey the newly signed route as they rode on their horses.

This portion of the Yuha Desert is managed as an area of special environmental concern by the BLM. In order to protect the wildlife, vegetation, and landscape, vehicle traffic is kept to a very limited number of trails. Overnight campers must stay
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Vandalism Takes Its Toll on Trail and Signs

Recent acts of vandalism and violence along the Anza Trail have made it increasingly difficult for users to enjoy the recreational and the educational opportunities that the trail affords.

Graffiti on trail art projects and off-road vehicle activity along the recreational trail route are providing tremendous challenges to trail volunteers and partners in both Los Angeles and Atascadero.

Along the Los Angeles River, both the Anza Mural and the *Río de Porciúncula* wayside were heavily

establishment and installation of a number of trail interpretive and art projects, including the mural. Project coordinator Lisa Duardo spent considerable time working with local youth in order to get buy-in from the community on the mural project. In an area with significant graffiti and tagging, she wanted to insure that the Anza mural would be protected.

The mural stood unmarred for almost two years until this spring. Vandals tagged the mural and the area directly adjacent to it with spray paint. Duardo was able to go out

trek up the *Río de Porciúncula*, or the Los Angeles River as it is now known, and Anza's interactions with the indigenous community. It is now virtually impossible to read the exhibit.

A hike down this well-used portion of the Anza Trail between the mural and the interpretive wayside shows increasing incidents of tagging and graffiti. Specifically, vandals have attacked the various parkettes Northeast Trees created along the trail. Northeast Trees is working with the city's parks department and the Mountain Recreation and



The Anza Mural is visible both from the Anza Trail and Interstate 5 along the Los Angeles River. Some recent gang tagging on and around the mural has been painted over but the site is still marred by graffiti.

vandalized this spring. The mural spans an 80-yard stretch of the Los Angeles River and incorporates images of both the native Gabrieleno/Tongva people and Juan Bautista de Anza.

A non-profit organization dedicated to creating parks in congested urban areas of Los Angeles, Northeast Trees was largely responsible for the

immediately and paint over some of the worst tag marks but there is still considerable marring around the actual mural. She brought in a group of volunteers on Sunday, April 18, to paint over the damaged areas.

A few miles upstream from the mural, another Northeast Trees project was also tagged. The interpretive wayside describes the Anza

Conservation Authority to control and stop these attacks but they are unable to keep up with the rising tide of incidents.

County maintenance crews attack each new incident of vandalism with cleansers and solvents to clean paint off existing signage and trail markers.

Farther north on the trail in



Hikers along the Los Angeles River on the Anza Trail relax and take in the view at one of the Northeast Trees parkettes. The Anza trail way-side (blow up at right) has been so heavily tagged by various gangs that it is currently unreadable.



Atascadero, California, off-road vehicles (ORVs) continue wreck havoc with the recreational trail. Although the trail is for non-motorized use only, ORV drivers use it with impunity. Hundreds of hours of work have been spent on stabilizing and re-grading segments destroyed by motorcycles and ORVs.

In April, a number of equestrians were run off the trail and temporarily trapped in brambles adjacent to the trail after a group of motorcyclists forced them off the path. No one was hurt in the incident but it marks an increasing level of violence on the part of off-road users.

The ORV drivers are also causing ecological damage to the watershed area. Salinas River monitor Don Funk described in a recent letter how the activity is causing, “the loss of riparian vegetation, channel erosion, and substantial degradation of

the habitat. In some areas of the channel, it is reaching a crisis condition.” Funk also cites the recently published Upper Salinas-Las Tablas River Conservation District’s Draft Upper Salinas River Watershed Action Plan that calls for the elimination of off-road vehicle use in the river channel.

Although motorcycle and ORV use has been a continuous issue along this segment of the trail, in recent years, volunteers have been helping out. The Salinas River Watch Anza Unit, made up of equestrians and hikers, has resulted in a noticeable decline in off-road activity. This

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Sign Making 101 - Building Graffiti Proof Signs

With interpretive signs, often the higher the cost, the more likely it will resist graffiti. Porcelain Enamel signs are by far the most expensive at almost \$100 a square foot but they are also nearly impervious to markers and paint. Less expensive finishes like embedded digital panels are not quite as resistant to paint but they typically can have knife scratches buffed out and run about \$60/sf. High Pressure laminates are the least expensive at \$40/sf but are the least impervious to paint and can be easily marred by knives. However, replacement panels can be produced for less than half the price. Site managers need to decide how likely it is that their site will be vandalized and by what before they decide which type of sign to produce.

recent escalation began around four months ago and has included incidents of vandalism and attacks on the homes of members of the volunteer patrol. April's trail incident was the first that involved any threat of physical violence.

This segment of the Anza Trail is owned and administered by the City of Atascadero and the local water district. The Atascadero Police Department lacks the resources to patrol this area of the community and respond to ORV use.

The National Park Service has a stake in how this is resolved because this is along a segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and is on the route used by Anza. Although the NPS does not have jurisdiction along this particular segment, the NPS may pursue obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement agencies to bring in federal park rangers to aid in the patrol effort and is currently researching it.

These incidents in Los Angeles and Atascadero emphasize the challenges of administering a 1,200-mile national trail. They force trail administrators to rethink the best way of managing the Anza Trail. Having seen the effects of graffiti on the Los



Motorcyclists have helped establish channels along the trail route in Atascadero, California. Off-road vehicles have caused soil compaction and destruction of the hiking and equestrian routes along the Salinas River.

Angeles signs, future sign projects will be designed to be as graffiti repellent as possible. Current sign projects in Hayward, California

and in Pima County, Arizona will be fabricated in ways that resist tagging.

New Report Out: *Off-Road to Ruin*

Teri Shore of The California Wilderness Coalition recently published a report *Off-Road to Ruin: How Motorized Recreation is Unraveling California's Landscapes*. This comprehensive 70-page report documents the impact of off-road vehicle use to public lands and scores of locations throughout California, including segments to the Anza Trail. She offers recommendations to government agencies in ways to minimize off-road vehicle impact. The document is downloadable and free from www.calwild.org. Printed copies can be purchased for \$15 from the California Wilderness Coalition at (530) 758-0380.

In dedicating new trail recreation segments, the trail administrator will insure that local agencies are able to provide personnel to protect both the resource and visitors on the trail. For example, both Bureau of Land Management rangers and the US Border Patrol agents will patrol the new 30 mile trail segment from El Centro up to the state park border.

Trail users are encouraged to contact the superintendent at (510) 817-1438 or at meredith_kaplan@nps.gov with their ideas on ways to better protect this resource. ❖

From the Superintendent



By Meredith Kaplan

The National Park Service has been responsible for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail since August 1990 and actively administering it since August 1996 with the approval of the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan. During that time, as noted in our feature article on educational outreach, public awareness has been our challenge.

Few people actually know the story or consciously experience the Anza Trail. About 1,000 of you receive this newsletter, a coterie of interested people in the sea of over 28 million that live and recreate within striking distance of the trail. And while we try to leverage our staff resources through partnerships, volunteers, and teacher trainings, progress is maddeningly slow. The majority of the public remains uninformed of the Anza story and its effects on our history, culture, and lives today.

This month, our public outreach reaches a whole new level. Beah Blackledge of the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau has made travel on the Anza Trail her mission for the year. She invited the National Park Service into a partnership with the convention & visitors bureaus of the states of Arizona and California and of Tucson, Yuma, San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey and San

Francisco to market the sites, attractions and events along the historic route.

This collaborative effort will give travelers a comprehensive resource for following the 1,200-mile Anza Trail along a marked highway route from Tubac, Arizona to San Francisco, California. Thank you, Beah!

The tour and travel market announced this historical and cultural journey, spanning two states and traveling through 19 counties, at the Travel Industry Association of America 36th annual International Pow Wow® in Los Angeles, California April 24 to 28. The Pow Wow bills itself as “the world’s premier international travel trade show. International Buyer delegates will see first-hand why it’s time to See America.”

The Pow Wow press release emphasizes the Park Service mission for the trail: “This journey through time presents the traveler with an educational, cultural and spiritual experience. The unchanged landscapes create a sense of place, setting the backdrop for visitors to learn the stories of the expedition, its members and descendants. Travelers can also expect to gain an understanding of the American Indian role in the expedition and the diversity of cultures, and an appreciation of the extent of the accomplishments of Juan Bautista de Anza and his colonizers.”

Simultaneously, we are working on another tourism idea to develop public awareness: encouraging trail supporters to organize extended trail trip events covering two to six days walking or

horseback riding on a continuous section of the trail. Coming after my trek on the Camino de Santiago along the Spanish-French border, this is an exciting prospect for me.

We are working now with the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona and volunteers in Santa Cruz and Pima Counties to plan an event from Nogales to Tucson in the fall. The next newsletter will have specific information about this event. There may also be a weekend event in California.

Look for news about traveling the Anza Trail in magazines, your local newspapers, on radio and television. Educate your friends and people you encounter daily about the potential of the Anza Trail. Let’s increase public awareness. ❖

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Advisory Group Meets and Strategizes at Borrego Springs

Having been forced to cancel last fall's meeting due to area wildfires, the Anza Trail Advisory Council met this February to strategize about developing the trail's full potential.

During two days of meetings and a tour of Anza Borrego Desert State Park, the council reviewed the annual implementation plan, strategized about ways to increase public knowledge about the trail, and discussed ways to coordinate events on the Anza Trail.

Archaeologist Jack Williams spoke to the council about the vulnerability of American Indian sites on public land along the trail. He also produced a vision of what the Anza Trail would look like to visitors 50 years from now.

Web de Anza director Lynn Anderson discussed plans to incorporate additional maps to the existing web site that show both current conditions and information about the Anza expedition.

Although the trail was authorized by Congress to convene an advisory council back in 1994, it was not until last year that the Secretary of



Anza Trail Advisory Council members were joined by concerned members of the public to discuss the future of the trail at their second meeting this February under sunny skies at Borrego Springs, California.

Interior's Office had given final approval to the list of 20 members. The council held its first meeting in 2003 in Tucson.

Council members receive no compensation for the work they do in planning the trail and serve in an advisory capacity only.

As an officially recognized advisory body, all meetings are open to the

public, with specific periods open to public comment. Minutes of the meeting are recorded and made available to the public as part of the Freedom Advisory Committee Act.

The public can receive transcripts of the meeting by going to www.nps.gov/juba and following the link to management documents or by contacting trail headquarters and requesting a paper copy by mail. ❖

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within in the limits of designated camping areas.

Unlike most portions of the Anza recreational trail, vehicles are allowed on this new segment of the route. Although it is the general policy of national trails to discourage motorized vehicle use on trails, final authority is left to the agency principally responsible for the managing the route. In this case, the BLM is responsible. With no facilities or water anywhere near the trail, the BLM opted for safety reasons to continue allowing four-wheel drive vehicle access to the road. During

the majority of the year, temperatures are extremely hot, with summer time temperatures frequently topping 120° F.

This is not the only segmented of the Anza Trail that allows for limited vehicle access. Near Gila Bend, Arizona, the BLM manages a 15-mile segment of the trail in much the same way and for similar reasons.

During the Anza expedition of 1775-76, this area marked some of the most difficult and challenging times for the settlers. With freezing winds and snow, the settlers struggled through the desert as horses and

cattle froze and died while a child was born during the storm. ❖

Yuha Desert Maps

If you would like to receive a map and brochure about the new Anza Trail segment through the Yuha Desert, download the color brochure and map for free at http://www.nps.gov/juba/Site_Bulletins.html and click on the link to Imperial and San Diego Counties and the Yuha Desert to bring up a legal sized PDF or contact trail headquarters for a copy at (510) 817-1323.

Along The Trail ...

❖ Amigos de Anza **Vie** and **George Obern** as well as **Lydia Francis** made the trek down from California's central coast to participate as concerned citizens in February's Advisory Council meeting in Borrego Springs. They brought with them a collection of reenactment costumes from the 1776 expedition. Joined by local volunteers, they provided a colorful greeting to the advisory council.



Amigos were out in force to greet the Anza Trail Advisory Council at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park this February. From left to right, George and Vie Obern, Lydia Francis, and local volunteers from the Borrego Springs area who suited up in costume for the event.

❖ Expedition descendant **Greg Smestad** continues to forge ahead on his Challenge Cost Share project documenting the sounds along the Anza Trail. He is currently working on creating a comprehensive driving guide to accompany the CD of trail sounds and music. When finished, the guide will serve as the primary ref-

erence tool for visitors traveling along the route and will include detailed area maps, music, and activities for children and adults.

❖ Bureau of Land Management trail managers and their various partners and friends groups met in Riverside this March to review BLM trail policy. On hand to represent the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona was **Don Kucera**. Due to its location, the Anza Trail was one of the featured trails at the conference that participants travelled to see.

❖ The Anza Trail Coalition has

(520) 573-1704 to receive a newsletter or to contribute to it.

❖ Modern day Anza Trail founder **George Cardinet** was temporarily hospitalized last month with pains to his chest. After a few days in the hospital, George was given a clean bill of health and has returned to working on the trail fulltime and getting in his weekly horseback ride. George recently celebrated his 95th birthday.

❖ The Anza Trail is the largest single project included in this year's cultural resource bond program for Pima County, Arizona. The County is asking for a total bond of \$20 million, with \$3.75 million earmarked for the acquisition and interpretation of Anza Trail segments. In 1997, Pima County voters approved an initial bond measure that allowed for the creation of an Anza Trail master plan, trail certification, and signage. The master plan calls for the creation of approximately 70 miles of trail in the Santa Cruz River corridor.

❖ **Santa Clara University** recently completed the final phase of an outdoor exhibit program partially financed with money from the Challenge Cost Share Program. The waysides discuss the Anza expedition and the connection between the settlers and the establishment of the San Jose pueblo and the Santa Clara Mission.

❖ Advisory council member **Dr. Russell K. Skowronek** has recruited his students at Santa Clara University to provide basic research on a variety of topics concerning the Anza expedition. As part of their anthropological



Soldiers from the Santa Barbara Presidio presented colors and arms at Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation this March. They were there to commemorate the Anza Trail and the park's 25th anniversary.

coursework, they will be using primary and secondary sources to analyze a variety of issues, ranging from the impacts settlers had on the overall landscape of the Bay Area to the type of social and moral codes of the early Spanish settlers and indigenous communities. At the end of the semester, the research papers will be linked to the Anza Trail web site as complimentary resources to the archives on Web de Anza.

❖ Interpretive Specialist **David Smith** is looking for a few able-bodied individuals to help him with an ongoing masters project studying the demographics of those that use the Anza Trail. Specifically, he needs people in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Tucson that are able to hike along portions of the trail and record information about trail users. In the second phase of the study, he will need volunteers willing to conduct interviews with other trail

people on the trail. Contact him at david_smith@nps.gov or at (510) 817-1323 if you are able to volunteer some time over the next six months. Ideally, volunteers will be able to donate four to six mornings or evenings hiking along a portion of the trail.

❖ On April 17, the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail dedicated 4.5 miles of trail in Santa Clara, California. **Lisa Killough**, County Parks Director, acted as master of ceremonies. **Holly Van Houten**, Ridge Trails Executive Director, and **Meredith Kaplan** spoke about their respective trails. The Anza Trail uses large portions of the Bay Area Ridge Trail to provide a continuous riding and hiking experience along the route. In the East Bay, the Anza Trail follows the Ridge Trail for nearly thirty miles from Hayward north to Richmond.

❖ Tourism bureaus and convention centers from Nogales to San Francisco featured the Anza Trail as this year's destination of choice at the annual Pow Wow held last week in Los Angeles. **Beah Blackledge** of the Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau took on the Anza Trail as a special project after meeting with former ATCA president **Don Kucera** last summer. Working with travel coordinators from cities along the trail, Blackledge created a multimedia presentation on the Anza Trail for this year's major international trade show at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Visitors to the show followed full size Anza Trail highway signs around the event to attend news conferences to get information. ❖



ANUNCIOS

San Francisco, California

Saturday, May 1, 9:30 AM. Presidio to Mission Hike. As part of the the annual California Preservation Conference, join Juan Bautista de Anza for a three-hour hike from the San Francisco Presidio to the Mission Dolores for a first-person living history exploration into life on the Spanish Frontier. The four-mile hike begins in the park and follows city streets and trails to the mission. Curator Andrew Galvin will be on hand at the mission to provide interpretation. Meet at the Presidio Officers club. Free event. Contact David Smith at (510) 817-1323 for more information.

Friday, June 25, 1:00 PM till closing. Presidio Pasados at the San Francisco Presidio Officer's Club. This annual celebration commemorates the final arrival of the Anza expedition at San Francisco and the birth of modern day San Francisco. Events will be held from 1-4:00 PM and will be designed primarily for children including music, hands on demonstrations, actors, and games about San Francisco's indigenous peoples and the Anza expedition. Evening programs will include additional music and dancing. All events are free and open to the public. Contact Lisa Hilstrom with the Presidio Trust at (415) 561-2703 for additional information.

Saturday, June 26. Commemorative Mass at the Mission Dolores commemorating the anniversary of the arrival of the Anza expedition. Contact Andy Galvin at (415) 621-8203. The mission is located at: 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, California.

Sunday, June 27, 10 AM. Parade grounds at the San Francisco Presidio. Los Californianos will commemorate the the arrival of the first Spanish families in San Francisco with a ceremony and a laying of flowers. Contact president Boyd Delarios at (650) 302-1179 for more information.

Monterey County, California

November 12-14. Mission San Antonio de Padua. The Anza Trail Advisory Council will meet at the mission site for a three day conference. This will be their final meeting before the group sunsets. The public is encouraged to attend and offer feedback. Contact Meredith Kaplan at (510) 817-1438 for more information.

Los Angeles, California

July 12 and 13, 8:00 to 5:00. Teaching the Anza Curriculum. Teachers will be participating in a two-day training in Thousand Oaks and along the Los Angeles River to learn more about the Anza Trail and how to present a curriculum-based program. Qualified teachers are eligible to receive continuing education credits and a stipend for participation. Contact Barbara Applebaum at (805) 370-2348 for more information.

Salida, Colorado

August 26-29. Annual Anza World Conference. Join others interested in Anza and the Spanish colonial period at this year's conference in Salida, Colorado. The conference will include field trips to sites associated with Anza while he was governor of New Mexico. Contact www.touraz4fun.com for more information.

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The Mission San Xavier del Bac is the site of the only burial on the Anza expedition. Today, the mission supports an active parish, serving the needs of the Tohono O'odham community on their reservation in southern Santa Cruz county. The mission stands out as one of the most beautiful historic landmarks along the entire 1,200 mile trail.