The Nebraska Chapter of Oregon -- California Trails Association, OCTA -NE, will host a Road Rally on May 3, 2008.
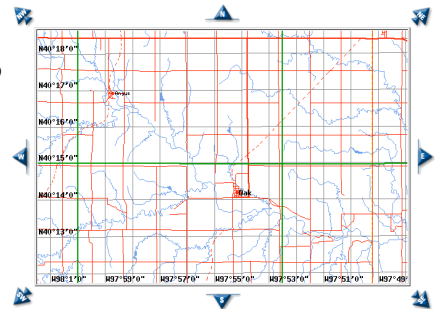

The Rally will begin at 11:00 AM with registration in the Oregon Trail Park in Oak, Nebraska. There will be a $5.00 registration fee with proceeds to OCTA-NE for Chapter projects.

Participants will be in two classes : OCTA members and the general public.

The objective is not a speed or timed contest but, the course needs to be completed by 5:00PM. Each registration will include map sheets from *Maps of the Oregon Trail* by Gregory Franzwa. Contestants will follow the trail, as nearly as possible, on public roadways and fill-out an answer sheet of questions concerning information found on trail markers and other signage along the way. The questions will be in logical sequence so if information is found on a question down the line you will know you missed something and can go back to find it.

Basically the rally will run from Kiowa Ranch, east of Oak, to Ft. Kearny on the Platte. The total distance will be about 100 miles (162 km). Any vehicle with a working odometer can be used. However, most of the travel will be on gravel or non-surfaced roads so 4WD may have benefits. In good weather these roads can be traveled with a standard passenger car.

The prizes in each class will be awarded to the registrants completing the most answers correctly and traveling the least distance. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by drawing lots. All prizes have not yet been determine as more sponsors are expected before registration. As of March 20 we have sponsorship from : The Archway Monument, Harold Warp Pioneer Village, The Oregon California Trails Association, OCTA-NE, Chimney Rock Visitors Center, and North Platte Valley Museum. Organization and planning by Bill Petersen, OCTA-NE Preservation Officer and Trails Guide. Phone 308 832 2211 for additional information.

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