



VALLECITO DAYS

EXPERIENCE LIFE
ON THE 1860s FRONTIER!

March 25-27, 2011

Friday Evening, 5-8 PM, Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM & Sunday, 10 AM-2 PM
Vallecito Stage Station County Park and
Hawi-Vallecito in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
37349 County Route S-2 (mile marker 34-35), Vallecito Valley, California

San Diego County Parks, California State Parks, Ramona Trails Association, and Backcountry Horsemen-San Diego Unit are excited to sponsor the fifth annual Vallecito Days, celebrating the role of the Southern Overland Trail, 150 years ago at the outbreak of the Civil War.

1861, The Civil War in California. In the early years of the Civil War, nearly 17,000 men enlisted as California Volunteers, in what became known as the California Column. Colonel James Henry Carleton was charged with keeping the Southern Overland Trail open and holding Arizona and New Mexico for the Union. In 1861, he began planning the California Column's march on the Southern Overland Trail from San Pedro, to Camp Wright near Warner Springs, to Yuma Arizona. In a brilliant display of logistical planning, he broke his long column of infantry, cavalry, and artillery into smaller units to ensure that the limited supply of water and grass on the desert crossing was not overtaxed.



At the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, during Vallecito Days 2011, a squad of Civil War infantry scouting the Southern Overland Trail will camp Friday night at the Vallecito Stage Station County Park, continuing their 32-mile historic march south early Saturday morning.

***Tour the original Vallecito Stage Station, the rest stop for weary travelers on the Southern Overland Trail. *Visit an overland traveler's camp with demonstrations and exhibits of outdoor cooking, historic firearms, and frontier equipment. *Experience the arrival of the Overland Trail travelers on horse and mule.**

*****Everyone is encouraged to dress in 1850s- 1860s attire!*****

