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All Aboard for Old Town – Next Stop Stagecoach Days

JULY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th AND AUGUST 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

12:00 p.m. – **4:00 p.m.**

FREE

It's been over a century since the last stage line operated in San Diego. Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural San Diego moving passengers, freight, and mail. These new services helped bring the outside world a little closer to this emerging frontier community that we know today as San Diego.

For four Saturdays in July and August, come join us as we celebrate travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower – before the train and automobile. Imagine yourself traveling down dusty dirt roads either by horse, wagon, or stagecoach making your way to San Diego in the 1860s.

Enjoy an afternoon filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history activities, stories, and songs, visitors will gain an appreciation for early modes of transportation and daily life.

View the permanent collection of historic wagons on display at Seeley Stable museum. Smell the aroma of food cooking over an open flame as costumed interpreters prepare chuck wagon grub of the 1800s. Hear the sounds of blacksmiths pounding iron and carpenters sawing wood. Enjoy games for both children and adults that were played 100 years ago. Join the military as they describe life as a soldier fighting in the Mexican War. **Watch vaqueros show their roping skills as they wrangle up live cattle.** Grab a needle and thread and participate in a real quilting bee.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the Boosters of Old Town, is proud to offer these **FREE** activities for adults and children of all ages. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street in San Diego, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service.

For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego