

# the 7 Wonders of Osage County Santa Fe Trail



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Many things have been said and written about the Santa Fe Trail. Writers of fiction have blurred the lines between fact and fiction when writing romance, adventure and tragedy.

Today, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad follows the old trail in many places. As people ride the railroad, they are often drawn to sites with historic significance such as old forts, river crossings, sand hills, trader ranches and scenes where conflict arose with Indians.

Traces of the old trail, as evidenced by deep ruts made by wagon wheels many decades ago, can be seen along the slopes of hillsides.

The Santa Fe Trail was a historic 19th Century transportation route that connected the southwest region of North America with Santa Fe, New Mexico.

William Becknel, of Franklin, Mo., travelled to the city

of Santa Fe in 1821 with his pack animals. His trail was abandoned in 1872, as the Santa Fe Trail became the preferred route to Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe Trail served as America's commercial and military highway. It was one of the nation's great routes of western expansion for 60 years until the railroad introduction to Santa Fe in 1880.

Travel by pack animals continued until 1828. However, in 1825, the government appointed a commission to survey the road and make treaties with the Indians for right-of-way and good will.

The Santa Fe Trail was considered an international trade route between the United States and Mexico. Travel along the trail was very risky. Indian attacks, lack of food and water and weather conditions caused hardship on travelers, as there was no place for shelter. Many travelers also succumbed to rattlesnake bites.

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## Brookside

### Retirement Community



*"Jazzercise is an exercise opportunity for the whole community and meets regularly in the Assisted Living building's community room. The ladies love the space, comradere and chance to move to lively music under expert direction."*



*"Movement, laughter, hugs, total self-expression--all are part of the Movers and Shakers experience which happens five times each week at Brookside. We have maracas, sitter cd-assisted movements, streamers, shaking egg shells, parachutes, ball toss, spontaneous dancing, and much, much more to make the experience of exercise fresh and vital for the residents each day."*



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# Santa Fe Trail

## USD 434

**Santa Fe Trail Elementary  
Teacher of the Year  
2008-2009  
Kristy Hamit**



**Santa Fe Trail Secondary  
Teacher of the Year  
2008-2009  
Kenyon Eyman**



### Carbondale Attendance Center

- 2008 Grade 8 Third Place in Mid-East League Basketball Tournament
- 2008 Third Place Speller in Osage County Bee - Kelsey Watts
- 2008 Grade 8 Quiz Bowl Team Third Place in Mid-East League
- 2007 First Place Division II Odyssey of the Mind - Margo Day & Preston West
- 2006-07 Building Kansas Standards of Excellence in Reading and Math
- 2006-07 Kansas Standard of Excellence in 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 7th Grade Reading
- 2006-07 Kansas Standard of Excellence in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Math

### Scranton Attendance Center

- 2008 KTWU Rainbow Writing Contest Third Place Finish
- 2007-08 VFW Local District and State Patriot's Pen Winner
- 2007-08 Emporia State University Scholarship Contest Awards
- 2006-07 Installation of New Playground Equipment - PTO
- 2006-07 Emporia State University Scholarship Contest Awards
- 2006-07 Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math
- 2006-07 Sunflower League Volleyball - 4th Place
- 2006-07 Sunflower League Basketball - 3rd Place Girls; 3rd Place Boys
- 2006-07 7th Grade Quiz Bowl Team - Record of 16-4

### Overbrook Attendance Center

- 2007-08 Three OAC Teams Qualified for Odyssey of the Mind World Finals
- 2007-08 Five OAC Teams Qualified for Odyssey of the Mind State Competition
- 2008 Grade 8 Third Place in Mid-East League Basketball Tournament
- 2006-07 Building-Wide Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math
- 2006-07 Standards of Excellence in Reading: Grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
- 2006-07 Standards of Excellence in Math: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
- 2006-07 Standard of Excellence in Writing: Grade 8

### Santa Fe Trail High School

- 2007-08 Five FBLA students qualified for National competition
- 2007-08 Connie Lindell was selected as the Kansas Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year
- 2007-08 Wrestling team won the Kaw Valley League Tournament Championship
- 2006-07 Standard of Excellence in Reading
- 2006-07 Odyssey of the Mind team were regional champions, 2nd at State, and qualified for National competition
- 2006-07 FBLA chapter were District VII champions
- 2006-07 FBLA students placed in the National competition
- Dance Team invited to perform at the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament for the second consecutive year