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Exhibit Unveiling at Kaw Mission Historic Site and Sites in Council Grove Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Join us for the unveiling of new Santa Fe Trail exhibits at Kaw Mission Historic Site on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. The new exhibits are located throughout Council Grove and were completed through a partnership with the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, Kansas Historical Society, Santa Fe Trail Association, and the City of Council Grove. The unveiling is part of Kaw Mission's schedule during Washunga Days. Kaw Mission Historic Site is located at 500 N. Mission, Council Grove, Kansas, 66846, 620-767-5410.

Two new exhibits at Kaw Mission Historic Site tell how the success of western routes of travel, such as the Santa Fe Trail, and American demand for land in the West forced the Kanza (Kaw) to relocate several times. Prior to their final removal to Oklahoma, Kaw lands were reduced to a small reservation near Council Grove. The story of the Kaw Nation is told through their perspective, written and designed in collaboration with the tribe.

Nine Santa Fe Trail exhibits have been replaced throughout Council Grove. Originally placed in 1998, the exhibits were in poor condition and difficult to read. The Santa Fe Trail Association paid for the fabrication of new panels, which were redesigned by the National Park Service.

The Santa Fe National Historic Trail is administered by the NPS, National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR). NTIR works with partners to protect, develop, and promote national historic trails for public use and benefit.

Learn more about Kaw Mission Historic Site, Council Grove, the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, and the National Trails System by visiting the following websites:

Kaw Mission Historic Site – www.kshs.org/kaw_mission
City of Council Grove - www.cityofcouncilgrove.com
Santa Fe National Historic Trail - www.nps.gov/safe
National Trails System - www.nps.gov/nts

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