

On Saturday the seventeenth of October the Flaming Eagle Den (formerly Den 8), went on a hike on the end of the Mormon Battalion trail. The trail took them through Old Town and helped them learn about San Diego's historical sites. The Flaming Eagles went to many exciting museums. They also saw numerous native plants and animals. The Flaming Eagles enjoyed the hike very much.

Some of the museums that the Flaming Eagles went to are the Estudillo House, the Mason Street School House, Presidio Park, and even more places. Additional places they went to are the Old Adobe Chapel, the George Martin Museum, and the Mormon Battalion Memorial. The Flaming Eagles would have gone to the Mormon Battalion museum if it had been open. Unfortunately, it doesn't reopen until mid 2010 due to renovation.

The Flaming Eagles saw several kinds of native plants on the hike through Old Town. These plants include agave, yucca, and aloe vera. During the phase of the hike through Presidio Park they saw plants that weren't native such as certain pines from New Zealand, eucalyptus from Australia, and ice plant from South Africa. We also saw a few interesting animals on the hike. Though we didn't see any animals in Old Town, in Presidio Park we saw squirrels and amazingly, a beautiful peregrine falcon!

Old Town is a place every San Diegan Scout should go, but get there early – it gets hot!

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A Flaming Eagle