



LA REUNIÓN DE EL FUERTE

and

Fort Lowell Day Celebration

History of Fort & Neighborhood

Fort Lowell was established as Camp Lowell in 1860 in the center of Tucson. It was moved to its present location in 1873, and after the conclusion of the Apache Wars it was decommissioned in 1891. The crumbling adobe buildings of the Fort were soon occupied by Mexican immigrants, creating the thriving village of El Fuerte. Later, Anglo settlers also took the opportunity to inhabit and restore the old buildings adding to the diversity and richness of the neighborhood.

In March 1981, the Fort Lowell Historic Board sponsored a grant application to the Arizona Humanities Council. The result was La Reunión de El Fuerte, an annual commemoration and celebration of the area's diverse history and heritage, held on the 2nd Saturday in February. Ever since then it has gathered together current residents with relatives and descendants of the old village of El Fuerte to provide a free historical sites walking tour for the entire community with special events in the afternoon. The event has been renamed Fort Lowell Day Celebration. Over the years, cavalry drills, an exhibit on Mormon settlers to the region, history lectures, live period music, hands-on activities for all ages, and more have been added.

We hope that you'll enjoy your afternoon with us and learn about the late 19th Century Fort Lowell and the historic village of El Fuerte. Tucson Medical Center is also providing a shuttle tour of its historical buildings, with a stop at the City of Tucson's first Historic Landmark, San Pedro Chapel.

Presented by: Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

With support from

Tucson Medical Center, Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission,

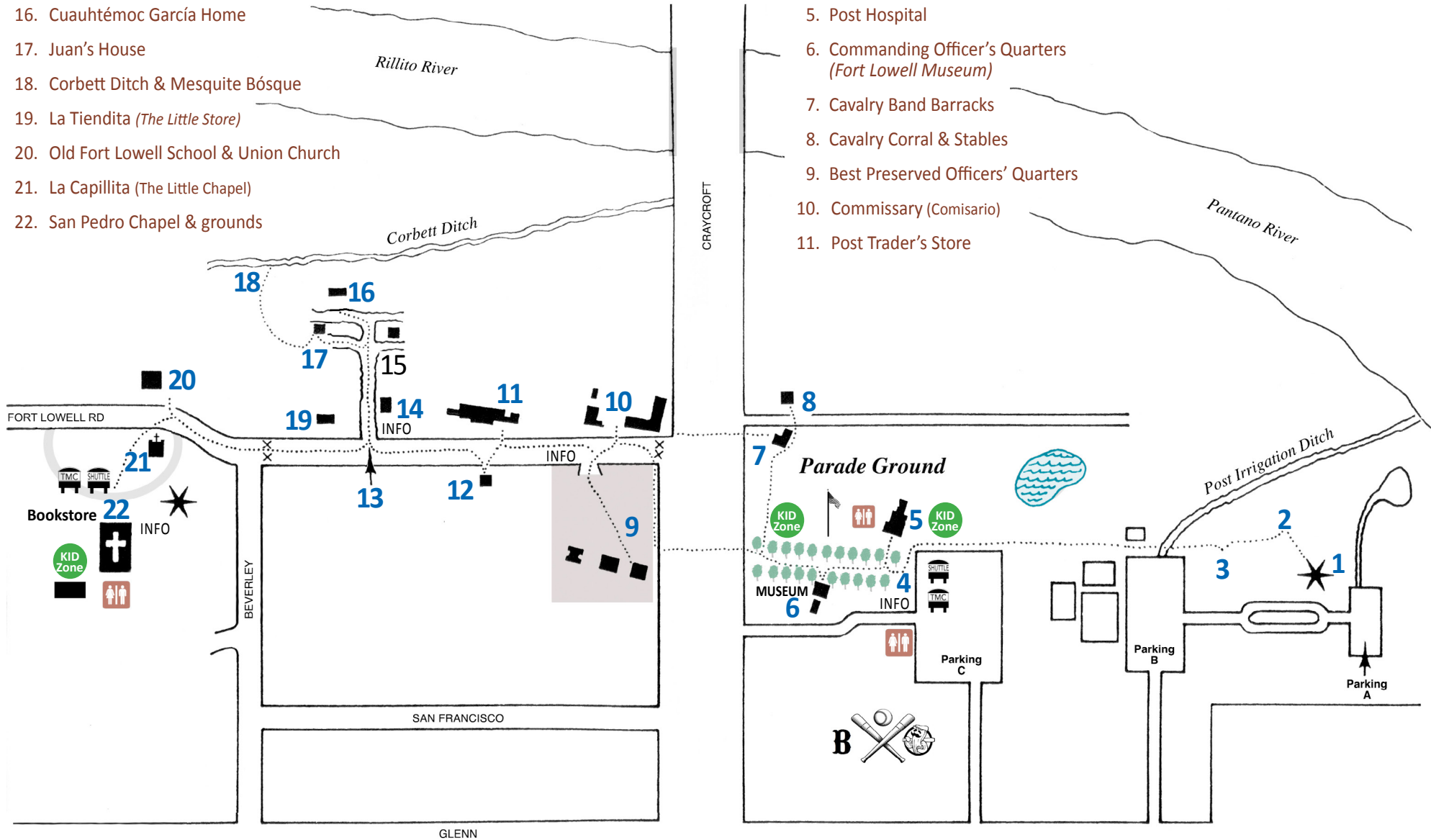
Cakes for Causes and the following community partners: City of Tucson Parks & Recreation; Pima County's Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation Office; Texas Instruments; B Troop, 4th U.S.

Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) Fort Huachuca; 4th U.S. Cavalry Regimental Band, Tucson; Arizona Humanities Council; Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board; Arizona Historical Society-Fort Lowell Museum; Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The San Pedro Chapel is owned & preserved by the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

12. Isidro Ochoa Home
13. El Callejón
14. Hen House Wall
15. Proto & Felicitas García Home
16. Cuauhtémoc García Home
17. Juan's House
18. Corbett Ditch & Mesquite Bósque
19. La Tiendita (The Little Store)
20. Old Fort Lowell School & Union Church
21. La Capillita (The Little Chapel)
22. San Pedro Chapel & grounds

1. Riparian Woodland
2. Hohokám Pit House – Hardy Archaeological Site
3. Early Settlers – Pecan Orchard
4. Cottonwood Lane
5. Post Hospital
6. Commanding Officer's Quarters (Fort Lowell Museum)
7. Cavalry Band Barracks
8. Cavalry Corral & Stables
9. Best Preserved Officers' Quarters
10. Commissary (Comisario)
11. Post Trader's Store



Free Shuttle: pickup at Sites #4 & #22 (Stops only at Fort Lowell Park & San Pedro Chapel) . . . runs from 12–4 pm



Free TMC Tour Shuttle: pickup at #4, #22 and TMC runs from 12 –3:30 pm



Self-Guided Historic Tour – Sites 1 - 22, start at either end!



Road barricade – pedestrians only

Schedule of Events

with Site Location # (times are approximate)

Shuttle: #4 and #22	Stops only at Fort Lowell Park & San Pedro Chapel	12–4 pm
TMC Tour Shuttle:	Stops at #4, #22 and TMC.	12–3:30 pm

EXHIBITS

Fort Lowell Museum—Arizona Historical Society Flag Ceremony (at the flag pole)	12 pm
Quartermaster’s / Commissary Storehouses: Site #10 One room opened for viewing, featuring display of the Mormon Settlers	12–3:30 pm
Officers’ Quarters: Site #9, Archaeological discoveries and information View the newly renovated exterior	12–3:30 pm
San Pedro Chapel Mulé Family Tribute: Site #22 (at the ramada)	12–4:00 pm

HISTORICAL TOURS

Self-guided tours through hundreds of years of history (see map): Sites #1 – #22.	12–4 pm
Tucson Medical Center Shuttle Tour, Historical Buildings & Museum (Shuttle pick up at Site #4, shuttle runs back and forth from park with stop at San Pedro Chapel)	12–3:30 pm
San Pedro Chapel Grounds Guided Tour: Site #22	12:30 & 1:30 pm

PERFORMANCES & LECTURES

Cavalry Drills – Fort Huachuca B Troop, 4th Cavalry Regimental (Memorial) at the Parade Ground	12:30–1:30 pm
19th Century Medical Lecture: Site #22, Insightful medical depiction, presented by Dr. Byrd.	2–3 pm
Surgical Demonstration: Site #22, Dr. Hunter performs amputation (<i>discretion advised</i>)	3–4 pm
Ron Beckwith (Archaeologist for Saguaro National Monument) Fort Lowell Reservation Presentation: Site #9	12–4 pm
Vintage Baseball Game: Bisbee Black Sox vs. Tucson Saguaro, at the park baseball field.	1 pm

MUSIC

4th U.S. Cavalry Regimental Band (Old Arizona Brass Band) Concert: Site #5	2–3 pm
Way Out West, Traditional Western Music: Site #22	12 & 1:15 pm
Mariachi Los Changuitos Feo de Tucson, Youth Mariachi Group: Site #20.	2:30–3:30 pm

GAMES & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

Passport to History: Stamp at different Sites & receive a prize (popcorn bag) Receive a Passport at any Information Booth or Children’s Activity & begin your adventure!	12–4 pm
Adobe Brick Making: Site #5	12–4 pm
19th Century Games: Site #7 (outside front area)	12–4 pm
Mexican Paper Flower Workshop: Site #22, in the Adobe House (fun for all ages!)	12–4 pm

BOOK STORE & MERCHANDISE

Publications & Souvenirs: #22 Variety of items to remember your day	12–4 pm
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FOOD

Assortment of food vendors along Fort Lowell Road	12–4 pm
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Upcoming Events at The San Pedro Chapel

- Annual Flea Market:** March 3–6, 7am–12pm; OFLNA Members Only Evening March 2, 5–7 pm
- San Pedro Chapel Rentals:** www.SanPedroChapel.com (520) 302-9265
- OFLNA Membership:** Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc. (520) 318-0219
www.OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org