



UUCEP—DESERT CAMP
 4425 Byron Street
 El Paso, Texas 79930

Camp Thunderbird 2006



FAMILY CAMP SPONSORED BY THE
 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY
 OF EL PASO, TEXAS

JUNE 30 - JULY 5

In the pines of the Gila National Forest
 In Southwestern New Mexico

UU's have been enjoying the Camp Thunderbird experience since 1963! Much has changed in that time, but the important things still remain largely the same. While the hundred-year-old pines still provide ample shade and soothing sounds of wind and birds, it's not just the cool breezes and sounds of nature that keep bringing us back. We are drawn by the opportunity to relax, enjoy the company of good friends, old and new, and forget about city life.

Activities: There is **NO** obligatory program of activities, but there are extended UU style discussions on just about everything and informally organized activities for everyone.



Bird watchers and hikers will find plenty to do in the Gila National Forest. There are usually expeditions to outlying points such as the Gila River, the Cliff Dwellings, the Cat Walk, Pinos Altos and historic Silver City.

Athletic activities will include the 28th annual Firecracker Fun Run (2 miles—walking allowed), volleyball, softball, croquet, horseshoes & sunset strolls

along the Continental Divide. Other activities may include star gazing under a thin crescent moon, games in the Lodge, bridge lessons, paper-airplane flying, arts and crafts, story telling, jam sessions (recorders, harmonicas, guitars, etc.), campfire sing-along, and other events. If you have a musical instrument, bring it and join the fun! One of the biggest highlights of the year is the talent (no-talent) show. There will also be an **adult** cocktail hour from 5 to 6 pm daily under the parachute and simultaneous supervised children's activities. We are always open to ideas for new activities so bring your imagination and participatory spirit!



Accommodations: The lodge and dormitory style cabins are rustic, solid and more than adequate to shelter us from the elements. They accommodate families, couples, teenagers and single adults. There are bunk beds with pretty good mattresses and a table but **NO** closets. You are welcome to bring your own tent, trailer or camper (your fee will be the same). A few electrical hookups are available. High quality, nutritious meals are served in the lodge three times a day: breakfast at 7 am, lunch at noon, and supper at 6 pm. If you have special dietary considerations, refrigeration is

available and some help from the kitchen may be obtained. Ice is sold about 8 miles from camp.

Location and Climate: The camp is located in the Gila National Forest near Mimbres, NM. The elevation is 6,400 feet. The temperature will dip into the 40's overnight and may reach 90 some afternoons. An occasional thundershower is almost inevitable.

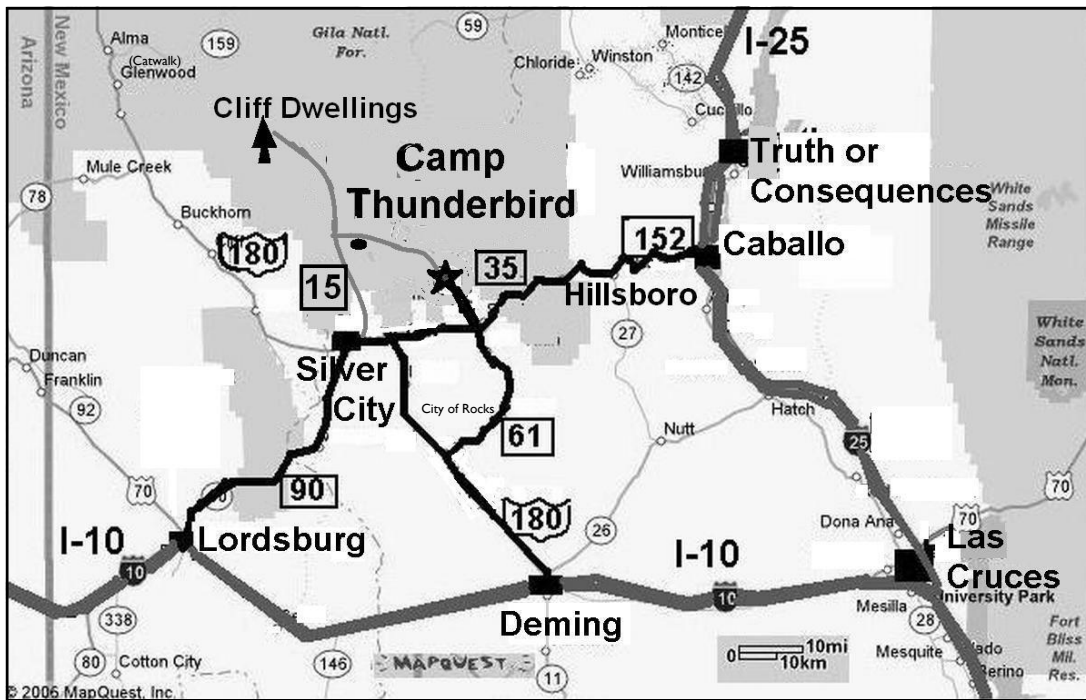
What to bring: Bedding or sleeping bags, pillows, towels, raingear, clothing for both warm and cool weather, walking shoes, sunscreen, flashlight, folding chair, and insect repellent. You may also want to bring an ice chest, swimsuit, canteen, musical instruments, games, arts & crafts supplies, camera, and munchies to share and beverages for the cocktail hour.

Please don't bring: Firearms, BB guns or fireworks. Do NOT bring any animals. Please don't bring radios or tape players unless you are willing to play them very softly and away from other persons.

Other information: Campers 12 and over are asked to share in minor housekeeping duties such as setting tables, mopping, etc. Quiet time is observed from 10 pm to 6:30 am. A wake-up bell rings at 6:30 am. PLEASE disarm your car alarm if you have one. They are neither needed nor appreciated at camp.

Financial aid: Limited camperships are available for dishwashing and child care. Contact Joe Knapka before May 15 if interested. The Ray Ashworth Memorial Fund and Desert Camp provide scholarships based on financial need or the ability to provide a service to other campers, such as a workshop. Please submit your requests as soon as possible stating who, how much and why. Please contact Pat White or Carol Veit for information.

How to get there: Go north out of Deming, NM on US Highway 180. After 24 miles turn right on NM Highway 61 (at CITY OF ROCKS sign). About 25 miles later go left on NM 152 for half a mile, then right on NM 35. Follow the signs for Lake Roberts or "Inner Loop" at each intersection. The camp will be on your left between mile markers 13 and 14.



HOW TO CONTACT US

Pat White (Thunderbird co-Chair) 915-591-3562, Carol Veit (Thunderbird co-Chair) 915-594-1555, or Joe Knapka (Registrar) 915-549-5098

Email: pat_white@hotmail.com, caveit@sbcglobal.net, jknapka@kneuro.net

Telephone number at camp (EMERGENCIES ONLY) 505-536-9560

Registration and fees: Camp begins with supper on Friday June 30, and closes with lunch on Wednesday, July 5. You may attend the entire time or any part, but the Registrar MUST know when you plan to arrive and depart.

PLEASE NOTE:

- We can no longer accept late registrations without charging the stated fee.
- Registration fees and late fees are refundable before June 15, non-refundable after that.
- Your camp fee will be the same whether or not you eat meals in the lodge and regardless of whether or not you bring your own sleeping accommodations.
- Camp fees for partial days will be assessed at the full rate for anyone arriving before lunch or departing after lunch. The camp fee will be one-half the normal rate for anyone arriving after lunch or departing before lunch. (June 30 and July 5 are regarded as half days for everyone).
- Anyone under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of his/her stay.
- Facilities cannot be considered handicapped accessible. Adults must be fully capable of self care or bring their own helpers.

Please refer to the following tables to determine your costs.

REGISTRATION FEES: (to be paid *when you register*. Please send check with registration form.)

YOUR TOTAL REGISTRATION COST: _____

For:	Cost:	Your Cost:
Each adult, age 18 or over	\$20 per person	
Each child with a family member	\$0	
Each child not accompanied by a family member	\$20 per child (maximum \$40)	
Late Fee if registration is postmarked after June 1st	\$15 per Form	

CAMP FEES: (to be paid *when you arrive at camp*. Please bring your checkbook)

For:	Cost:	Your Cost:
Adults and young people ages 13 and up	\$30 per person per day	
Kids, ages 2 through 12	\$15 per person per day	
Babies, ages 0 to 24 months	\$0	

YOUR TOTAL COST FOR CAMP FEES: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Arrival day _____ Time _____

Depart day _____ Time _____

Number of adults _____ Children _____

Child's Name _____ age _____ sex _____

ACCOMMODATIONS (indicate # in each category)

_____ bringing own rig _____ family _____ couple

_____ single adult _____ teen boy _____ teen girl

Make checks payable to **Desert Camp**. Please return by June 1, 2006, to Camp Thunderbird, 4425 Byron Street, El Paso, Texas 79930

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

While at Camp Thunderbird I agree to hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso, Texas (UUCEP) from any and all injuries, damages, claims or causes of action I or any of the minor children over which I have parental or custodial control may suffer or sustain during my attendance at Camp Thunderbird. In addition to the above, I agree to indemnify the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso, Texas (UUCEP) for any loss or damages it may suffer as a result of any negligent act or omission on my part or the part of any of the minors over which I have parental or custodial control.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2006

Signature _____

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