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CAMP THUNDERBIRD

2014



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July 3 – July 8

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

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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. Take a look at the Activities Schedule posted at the Lodge when you arrive! This year's scheduled activities will include:

- Sack Lunch Day (Saturday, July 5), often with expeditions to outlying points such as the Gila River,

the Cliff Dwellings, the Cat Walk, Piños Altos and historic Silver City;

- Firecracker Fling....DANCE NIGHT
- The 36th Annual Firecracker Fun Run (2 miles, walking allowed)
- The No Talent Required Talent Show, always one of the highlights of the year!
- Book discussions...if you want to participate, please try to read the book before camp:
 - "Game of Kings" by Dorothy Dunnett, and
 - "Life and Death of Public Schools" by Diane Ravitch
- There will also be an Adult Cocktail Hour from 5 to 6 PM daily under the parachute, and simultaneous supervised children's activities will be provided by the camp babysitters.
 - Wine and cheese (or other goodies) pairing one evening during cocktail hour
 - Dress up Night returns...during cocktail hour and leading into the Talent show.
- Other activities can include horseshoes, poker, bridge and other games, arts and crafts, story telling, campfire sing-along and jam sessions (recorders, harmonicas, guitars, etc.) Bring your musical instrument and join the fun! Evening strolls along the Continental Divide, bird watching and hiking are all frequent activities. We are always open to ideas 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 7AM, lunch at noon, and supper at 6PM. If you have special dietary considerations, refrigeration is available and some help from the kitchen may be obtained. Ice is sold at camp.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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What to bring

- Bedding or sleeping bags, pillows, towels, rain gear, clothing for both warm and cool weather, walking shoes, sunscreen, flashlight, folding chair, and insect repellent.
- Ice chest, swimsuit, canteen, musical instruments, games, arts & crafts supplies, camera, and munchies and beverages to share

during the cocktail hour.

- **Please don't bring:** Firearms, BB guns or fireworks. Do NOT bring any animals. Please don't bring electronic devices unless you are willing to play them very softly and away from other people.

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.

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.

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.

