



UUCEP—DESERT CAMP
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CAMP THUNDERBIRD

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June 30 – July 5

*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 a Dress-Up Night with prizes in

both a children's and an adult's category; Sack Lunch Day (July 2), during which there are usually expeditions to outlying points such as the Gila River, the Cliff Dwellings, the Cat Walk, Pinos Altos and historic Silver City; the 33rd Annual Firecracker Fun Run (2 miles, walking allowed), and the No Talent Required Talent Show, always one of the highlights of the year! The books "Blood Meridian" by Cormac McCarthy and "The Fever" by Wallace Shawn have been chosen for a camp book discussion. 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.

Other activities usually include horseshoes, games in the Lodge, poker, arts and crafts, storytelling, campfire sing-alongs and jam sessions (recorders, harmonicas, guitars, etc.) If you have a musical instrument, bring it and join the fun! You may also expect impromptu softball, basketball, and water-balloon volleyball games and sunset strolls along the continental divide. Bird watchers and hikers will find plenty to do in the Gila National Forest. 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 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 about 8 miles from camp.



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. You may also want to bring an 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 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.

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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <http://jknapka.cjb.net:8081/>



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