



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

Camp Thunderbird 2008



FAMILY CAMP SPONSORED BY
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 COMMUNITY

JULY 2 - JULY 7

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. 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 a 4th of July Theme; with prizes in both a children's and an adult's category, Sack Lunch Day, 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 30th Annual Firecracker Fun Run (2 miles-walking allowed) followed by the No Talent Required Talent Show-always one of the highlights of the year! The book "The World Without Us" by Alan Weisman has 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, story telling, campfire sing-along 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!



Please Note: The Mimbres Museum will be open on July 2 this year. Please plan to attend that day if interested, as it will be closed through July 10 for Independence Day observances



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

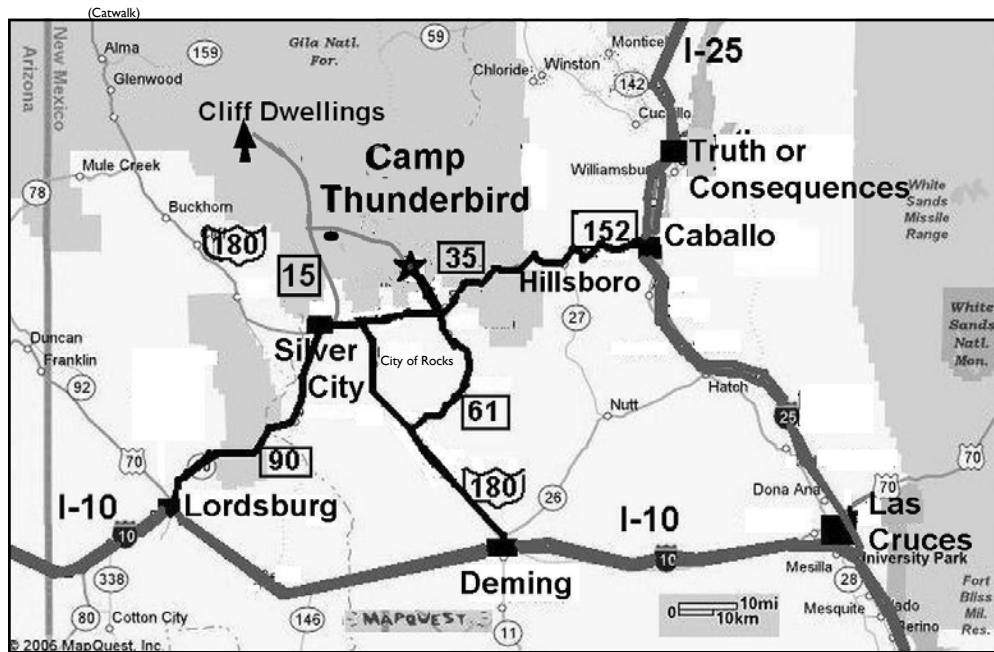
What to bring: Bedding or sleeping bags, pillows, towels, raingear, clothing for warm and cool weather, walking shoes, sunscreen, flashlight, folding chair, and insect repellent. You may also want to bring an ice chest, swimsuit, canteen, musical instruments, games, arts & crafts supplies, camera, and 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. 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. Partial financial aid is also available. If you are interested in any kind of financial aid, you must fill-out the enclosed financial aid form and return it to Joe Knapka by May 15. 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 Wednesday, July 2, and closes with lunch on Monday, July 7. You may attend the entire time or any part, but the Registrar MUST know when you plan to arrive and depart.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** You MUST sign in at the lodge upon arrival. Parking places will be designated upon sign in.
- 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. (July 2 and July 7 are regarded as half days for everyone).
- **Drop In Fee is \$3.** Check In at Lodge Immediately Upon Arrival. Meals are extra for drop in guests and are priced at: Breakfast-\$6, Lunch-\$7, Dinner-\$9
- 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.

REGISTRATION FEES: (Paid When You Register. Please send check with registration form)

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	

YOUR TOTAL REGISTRATION COST: _____

CAMP FEES: (Paid When You Arrive. Please bring your checkbook)

For:	Cost:	Your Cost:
Adults and young people ages 13 and up	\$38 per person per day	
Kids, ages 2 through 12	\$19 per person per day	
Babies, ages 0 to 24 months	\$0	

YOUR TOTAL COST FOR CAMP FEES: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Names _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Arrival day _____

Time _____ AM/PM

Depart day _____

Time _____ AM/PM

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

____ Vegetarian

Make checks payable to **Desert Camp**. Please return by June 1, 2008, 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 _____, 2008

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

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