



Plan to join us at the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) 39th Annual Ranger Rendezvous in beautiful Santa Fe, New Mexico October 27-30. This conference for national park professionals will be held at the Hotel Santa Fe, Hacienda and Spa, the only Native American hotel in Santa Fe. The hotel is in the center of Santa Fe's trendy Railyard District, which is packed with museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. A virtual video tour and information about the hotel's ambience, guest rooms, meeting areas, restaurant and full-service spa can be found at [www.hotelsantafe.com](http://www.hotelsantafe.com).

The 2016 Rendezvous will be presented under the theme of "A Century of Service" to coincide with the Centennial of the National Park Service. This is an opportunity to reflect on the past 100 years of service as park rangers, the last 39 years of ANPR and to discuss how ANPR members can be stewards looking forward into the next century of service.

Rendezvous programs and activities are designed for attendees across all NPS divisions. Once again, ANPR will offer national and regional keynote speakers and professional development and training sessions on a wide variety of current topics, in addition to plenty of networking and social time, guided tours, field trips and a service activity — all at a value designed for NPS employees. There will also be an annual photography contest with the winning photos published in *Ranger* after the conference, lots of popular national park related items that will be raffled off, and there will be a silent auction with one-of-a-kind items as well.

## WELCOME TO SANTA FE

Santa Fe is one of the oldest and most historic cities in the southwestern United States. The center of a region revered for its spectacular landscape and expansive blue sky, this city of 70,000 diverse "creatives" and outdoor enthusiasts is located in the stunning Sangre de Cristo foothills. Its Spanish adobe architecture and culture date to the 17th century and continue to reflect its inhabitants, many whom have lived there for generations. It is well known throughout the world as a destination for

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southwestern and Native American art and design, as well as cultural sites and art museums with exhibits that can be experienced nowhere else.

One and a half hours north of Santa Fe lies the historic pueblo city of Taos, another well-known venue for unforgettable local culture, cuisine and architecture. Nearer by to the northwest are the Manhattan Project National Historic Park at Los Alamos, Valles Caldera National Preserve and Bandelier National Monument. Also within an hour's drive to the southeast is Pecos National Historic Park. Stay tuned for more information about Bandelier and Pecos related to Rendezvous. A snapshot of each follows.

**Bandelier National Monument** — Cavate cliff dwellings, petroglyphs, excavated archaeological sites, 70 miles of trails, waterfalls, wilderness and ceremonial sites are some of the highlights of this stirring and memorable park. Bandelier is on New Mexico Highway 501 and is accessible by public transit from Los Alamos. Please see <http://www.nps.gov/band/index.htm> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/BandelierNPS>.

**Pecos National Historical Park** — A significant southwestern U.S. site for Civil War and rich regional history along the Santa Fe Trail, Pecos is the place to go to visit the Glorieta battlefield, 7,000-foot-elevation Cicuye pueblo and Forked Lightning Ranch. The destination and location of Spanish, Mexican, Indian and Anglo conquerors, missionaries, communities and armies, the historic Pecos Valley represents the confluence of numerous cultures and historic events. Pecos is accessible via Interstate Highway 25 and State Highway 63. Find out more at <http://www.nps.gov/peco/index.htm>.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Two major airlines serve Albuquerque, which is an hour's drive from Santa Fe. Santa Fe also has a municipal airport currently served by two major airlines, and the city is located along U.S. Interstate Highway 25, U.S. Route 285 and State Highway 599. Amtrak's Southwest Chief stops in nearby Lamy, with shuttle service to Santa Fe, as well as in Albuquerque and Las Vegas, New Mexico. More about this train service, which has connections in

other cities along its route, is available at <https://www.amtrak.com/southwest-chief-train>.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We hope that you can contribute to the silent auction and raffle by collecting and setting aside new, unused items to send or bring to Santa Fe. Even if you aren't able to attend this year, we'd love to hear about what you can donate to these events to help support ANPR and Rendezvous.

Please also help us identify and contact potential donors, sponsors and exhibitors for this rewarding conference, whether or not you will be in Santa Fe. Also, freely thank these supporters whenever you have the chance (see the list of sponsors and exhibitors in every issue of *Ranger*.)

Finally, we're still looking for volunteers for specific assignments (some short term, some longer term) before and during the event. Past volunteer opportunities have included leading and helping out in communications and photography, logistics, registration, sponsorships and donations, scholarships, exhibit space, hospitality and field trips. Please contact Alison Steiner at [anprbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:anprbusinessmanager@gmail.com) to learn more about volunteering opportunities and throw your hat in.



## MORE TO COME

We will keep you updated in *Ranger*, at [www.anpr.org](http://www.anpr.org) and in the ANPR e-newsletter as more plans are confirmed for Ranger Rendezvous XXXIX in 2016! Stay tuned for information about speakers, workshops, training, field trips and events. Watch for online registration in the coming weeks; you will need to register for the conference and separately for your room at the Hotel Santa Fe.

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