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Notes from Jen

A Little Progress Brings Great



Bumps, bruises, grit and innovation get us to our goal.

By Jen Paul Schroer

As parents, we love watching

our kids reach big milestones. From their first words and steps to their first academic and athletic achievements, we celebrate our kids' progress and beam with pride throughout their lives. But in the moment of celebrating an accomplishment, sometimes we forget the bumps, bruises and scraped knees leading up to the big milestone.

In this spirit, the Schroer household recently celebrated a major development. I thought it would be a simple phase that we would easily manage and transition through; however, Justin and I struggled, really struggled, with getting Ryker potty trained. After seeking advice from friends, family, books, articles and countless blogs, Ryker has been officially accident-free for over a month!

In the thick of it, I truly thought it would never end, and I could not be more relieved that we finally made it. But of course, this milestone led to more learning opportunities, like how to use a public restroom without touching everything, especially the toilet seat (yuck!) and how crawling under the bathroom stall is inappropriate (oops, sorry). For me, the lesson was that parenting never ends. And so, our journey, like those of many of our readers, continues.

We all inherently know that parenting is ongoing; there is no single checklist or manual to get us through the journey. There are tips and tricks, but we tend to figure it out as we go. The pandemic continues to challenge all of us, especially parents.

The pandemic has involved a lot of figuring it out as we go from a medical and scientific perspective. No one had all the answers from the beginning, and parents struggled to deal with this new reality. The world has made significant strides against the virus, including right here in Northern New Mexico.

While the loss of human life, vaccine challenges and economic loss plagued our spirits at times, we have much to celebrate. Our schools reopened this fall, bringing teachers and students back to the classroom. There were bumps, challenges and some anxiety, but our educational

leaders, parents and kids did it. Congratulations! Things might not be back to normal completely, but it is a sense of normalcy we all need. Even with COVID-19 breakouts, educators, parents and students continue to figure it out. *Tumbleweeds Magazine* applauds the community's grit and innovation.

Many of our community's treasured festivals and activities returned this fall. The Santa Fe Children's Museum reopened. Zozobra burned our glooms responsibly by keeping attendance lower and requiring vaccine cards for entry. Hot air balloons colored the sky during the mornings of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta; masks were requested outside in crowded areas as a precautionary measure. Site Santa Fe welcomed artists, musicians and exhibits. Meow Wolf opened two new locations, tying the entire storyline back to the Santa Fe location. Ski Santa Fe held fall activities during the height of the beautiful fall colors, and it reopened this winter ski season.

Now that many adults have access to COVID-19 boosters and children 5 and up are eligible for the vaccine, parents may feel an immediate sense of relief, and others, understandably, have more questions. While we continue to have day-to-day challenges, our journey through the pandemic is progressing. More kids are able to go back to school safely. More parents can return to work safely. More of our community treasures are coming back to life.

This winter is a milestone worth celebrating as well. While it is critical that we remain diligent, we can add more normalcy back into our lives. Capture that annual photo with Santa Claus. Ring in the New Year with family and friends with a renewed spirit and hope. Share precious valentines with classmates and loved ones. The struggles may continue, but the celebrations will provide cherished memories and turbocharge our perseverance. Justin and I hope *Tumbleweeds Magazine* will help you and your family reach your milestones as our community continues to make progress.

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ON THE COVER: Tau Durán y Jennings (Tau), 8th grade, attends Santa Fe Waldorf School. Tau believes that it's important to leave things better than you found them, and he enjoys spending free time playing baseball, mountain biking, reading, drawing, jumping on the trampoline and skiing. Photo © Tumbleweeds Magazine 2021. Cover Kid photograph taken at Santa Fe Waldorf School.

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Cover Kid Q&A

Cover Kid: Tau Durán y Jennings, 8th grade

What do you like most about yourself right now?

I like that I have a strong connection with nature and am very active.

What do you think your future job will be?

I want to be a private pilot or a professional skier.

What is the funnest thing you've ever done?

When I was four, I spread peanut butter onto every surface I could reach, including the couch, the walls, the phone and all the clothes in my parents' closet. It was so messy that my parents could only laugh, otherwise they would've been very upset.

Who are your best friends and why do you like each other?

My best friend is my brother, and we are interested in the same things and get along most of the time. I like that he's a strong leader and that we have a lot of fun together.



What do you think your parents do at work all day?

My papa designs and creates art and manages projects. My mama teaches fourth grade.

What do you think will be different about the world when you are an adult?

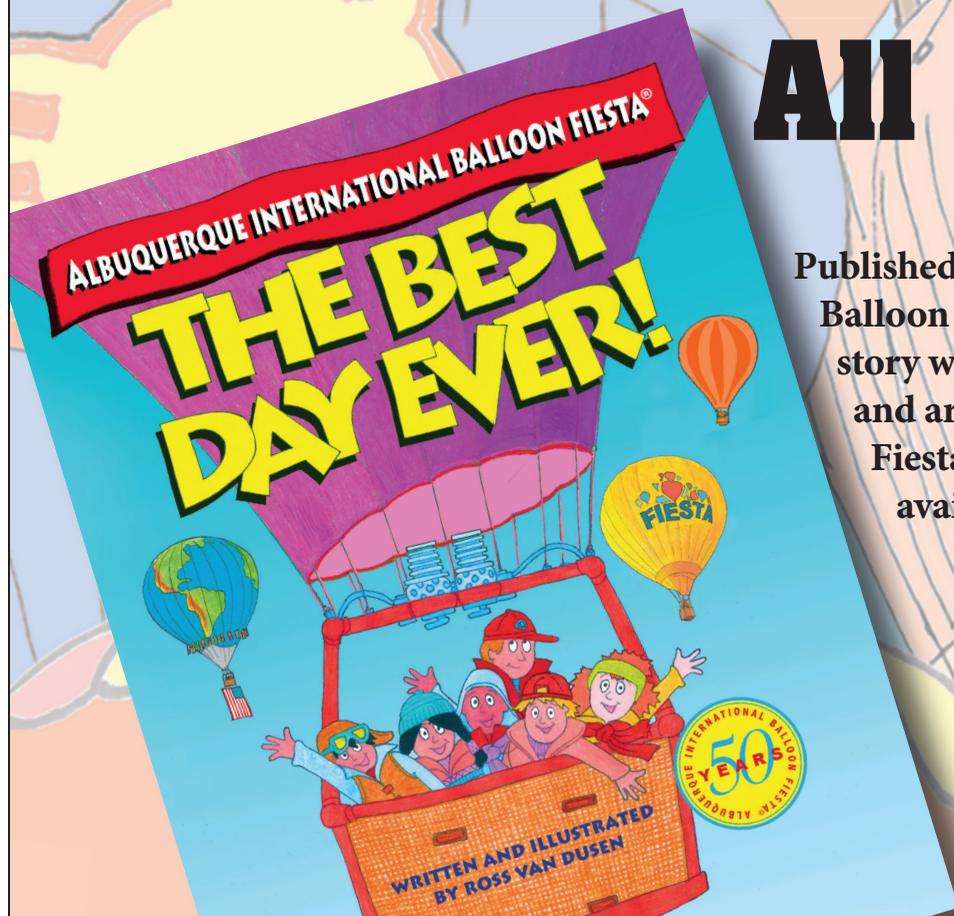
I think travel will be much more efficient and climate friendly.

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Student Artist Q&A

Student Artist: Aria Schneeberger
Age 11, Homeschooled



What title would you give this picture?
Roadrunner Rising

What materials did you use to make your art piece?
Colored pencils

What do you like most about doing art?
Drawing makes me feel relaxed and it takes me to another world.

What would you like other Tumbleweeds Magazine kids to know about you?
I love to read, and I get many of my ideas from reading fantasy books. I love to draw, do archery, and play with my dog Bowie.

Student Artist: Violet Schneeberger
Age 9, Homeschooled



What title would you give this picture?
Violet's Funnies

What materials did you use to make your art piece?
Marker and pencil

What do you like most about doing art?
Making art is fun, relaxes me, and helps me express my feelings.

What would you like other Tumbleweeds Magazine kids to know about you?
I'm a funny kid and I like writing comics and stories to make people laugh.

2021 Spooktacular Halloween Costume Contest

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2021 Spooktacular – Halloween Costume Contest. Parents posted photos of their kids in their Halloween costumes, for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Congratulations to our photo contest winners!

Our Facebook \$100 gift card winner includes Jolene (8th grade) and Gerard (3rd grade). Both attend McCurdy Charter

Jolene & Gerald



School in Española.
Our Instagram \$100 gift card winner includes Natalie Bauer (age 6). Natalie attends Journey

Natalie



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Infants & Toddlers

!! CALLING ALL CAREGIVERS

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New Mexico is facing a child care shortage, but there's support for those willing to step up.

By Calixte Raifsnider

Do you love kids?

Do you love kids so much that staying home and looking after young children sounds like a dream come true?

For Alejandra Lujan, this dream was clear from the beginning.

"I remember being a little girl and playing with my dolls, and playing at being an educator," she says. "I knew even then that I was going to take care of kids when I grew up."

Lujan, who lives in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, is a five-star licensed home-based child care provider, who currently cares for eight young children. She has been providing child care for 20 years.

If you are someone who already cares for your neighbors' children on an occasional basis or for the children of your friends or family members, have you ever thought about making this a career?

"You can grow with your family *and* have a business," says Karla Pineda, who has a registered child care home in Chaparral. "You can be with your family and help the kids in your community."

Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced caregiver, now is a fantastic time to start (or grow) your own home-based child care business, as the demand is high and there are new resources available in New Mexico to support you along the way.

There is a clear need for more child care, nationally and locally. Many parents are unable to return to work because they can't find a safe, reliable place to care for their kids. A recent article in *Tumbleweeds*, "Closing the Gap," by Early Childhood Education and Care Department Communications Director Micah McCoy (Fall 2021), discussed the challenges that so many New Mexico families have been facing.



Home-based providers in Chaparral, New Mexico, meet with Growing Up New Mexico team members for support and camaraderie. Courtesy photos.

Thankfully, as McCoy outlined, even in the midst of a pandemic our state is making great steps towards improving availability and affordability of quality child care. This summer, under the leadership of Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico's new Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), two crucial changes happened. Family income eligibility for child care assistance expanded to those making up to 350% of the federal poverty level, and subsidies for providers increased, which will improve revenue and enable more sustainable, high-quality care.

"This is the single largest eligibility expansion in the history of our child care assistance program," Lujan Grisham said in the July announcement. "And this change establishes virtually universal free or reduced-cost child care in New Mexico for at least the next two years as our economy recovers and New Mexicans get back to work."

All the pieces are in place, except for one: We still need providers to step in and meet the demand. Here in Santa Fe, even at capacity, the existing centers and homes cannot fill the need. Between July 2019 and April 2021, Santa Fe has lost approximately 306 child care slots. Currently, only 7% of local infants and toddlers have

access to high-quality care. And those numbers do not reflect more recent facility closures.

In a recent Growing Up New Mexico survey, over half of Santa Fe families said that they need "more" or "a lot more" child care. Many families expressed frustration with long wait lists. As one survey respondent told us, "I can't seem to find any child care so I can go back to work." And perhaps more alarmingly, another parent said they were concerned because "my older children watch my toddler. They have limited experience."

So where do we find more providers to fill the need for high-quality child care? That's where you come in! Fully operational centers don't open overnight. Home-based care, on the other hand, is a small-business model without a lot of startup costs. It provides the opportunity for a parent to stay at home and take care of their own kids, while earning income at the same time. It can be a wonderful, community-based solution to a very big problem.

And there is a clear path for growth, from providing informal care a few days a week for a handful of children, all the way up to being licensed and caring for up to 12 children. Some home-based providers even decide to open centers of their own.

So what exactly is home-based child care?

Like it sounds, home-based child care is a way to provide care for a small group of children in a residential setting. Registered home care providers can accept up to four nonresident children in their own home, and licensed providers can accept up to six or 12 children, depending on the type of license. Registered and licensed providers are eligible to accept child care assistance and participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Becoming a high-quality provider requires more than just a love of children, essential as that is. Recognizing that knowledge of early childhood development and safety is also crucial, ECECD offers scholarships to people working in child care who are also pursuing credentials and degrees. In addition, the state provides free online professional development through a platform called Quorum, as well as free online business management software through Wonderschool under the Elevate New Mexico Child Care initiative.

If you are a loving, nurturing person who is great with kids, this is your moment to shine. To learn more about how to become registered or licensed as a home-based provider, as well as some of the resources that are available to you, visit the ECECD page for Early Childhood Professionals at nmeccd.org/early-childhood-professionals/.

Of course, there are a lot of details to think about on this journey, but support can make a huge difference. If you decide that you are ready to pursue becoming a home-based child care provider, Growing Up New Mexico is working to build a network of home-based providers in the Santa Fe and Rio Arriba County areas, to support caregivers in providing quality care for Northern New Mexico families.

Through the Growing Up New Mexico network, you will work with a coach who can walk you through the process of starting or growing your child care business; connecting with other providers; getting help with registration, licensing and other paperwork; and finding the local and state resources you need. Caring for kids is critically important to our community, and you don't have to do it alone. If you are interested in support, please email us at engage@growingupnm.org.

So, what do you think? Are you up for it? Your community needs you!

Calixte Raifsnider is the executive assistant for research and communications at Growing Up New Mexico, a Santa Fe based organization that develops short- and long-term opportunities to improve outcomes for young children and their families in New Mexico through multi-generational programs and statewide policy work.



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Nuevo México se enfrenta a una escasez de cuidado infantil, pero hay mucho apoyo para aquellos que estén dispuestos a hacerlo.

Por Calixte Raifsnider

¿Te gustan los niños?

¿Le gusta tanto estar con los niños que quedarte en casa y cuidar de ellos es un sueño hecho realidad?

Para Alejandra Lujan, este sueño le fue claro desde el principio.

“Recuerdo que cuando era una niña pequeña jugaba a ser la maestra de mis muñecas”, dice. “Sabía desde entonces que iba a cuidar a niños de grande.”

Luján, que vive en Santa Teresa, Nuevo México, es una proveedora de cuidado infantil en el hogar y cuenta con una licencia de cinco estrellas y actualmente cuida a ocho niños pequeños. Ella ha brindado cuidado infantil por 20 años.

Si ya usted cuida a los hijos de sus vecinos de forma ocasional o a los hijos de sus amigos o de sus familiares, ¿ha pensado alguna vez en hacer esto como su negocio?

“Puede crecer con su familia y tener un negocio”, dice Karla Pineda, quien es proveedora de cuidado infantil en el hogar y está registrada en Chaparral. “Puedes estar con tu familia y ayudar a los niños de tu comunidad.”

Ya sea que usted esté comenzado o que ya sea un proveedor de cuidado infantil con mucha experiencia, ahora es un momento fantástico para comenzar (o hacer crecer) su propio negocio de cuidado infantil en el hogar, ya que hay una gran demanda y nuevos recursos disponibles en Nuevo México para apoyarlo a lo largo del proceso.

Existe una clara necesidad de más cuidado infantil, a nivel nacional y local. Muchos padres no pueden regresar a trabajar porque no encuentran un lugar seguro y confiable en donde dejar a sus hijos. En un artículo reciente de *Tumbleweeds*, “Cerrando la brecha”, del director de Comunicaciones del Departamento de Cuidado y Educación Infantil Temprana, Micah McCoy (otoño del



Proveedoras de cuidado infantil en el hogar en Chaparral, Nuevo México, se reunieron con los miembros del equipo de Growing Up New Mexico para recibir apoyo y solidaridad.

2021), habla sobre los obstáculos que tantas familias de Nuevo México han estado enfrentando.

Afortunadamente, como señaló McCoy, incluso en medio de una pandemia, nuestro Estado está dando grandes pasos para mejorar la disponibilidad y la accesibilidad a un cuidado infantil de calidad. Este verano, bajo el liderazgo de la gobernadora Michelle Lujan Grisham y del nuevo Departamento de Cuidado y Educación Infantil (ECECD) de Nuevo México, ocurrieron dos cambios muy importantes. La elegibilidad de ingresos familiares para la asistencia en el cuidado de niños se amplió para aquellos que representan hasta el 350% del nivel federal de pobreza, se incrementaron los subsidios para los proveedores de cuidado infantil, lo que mejorará sus salarios y permitirá un cuidado infantil más sostenible y de alta calidad.

“Esta es la expansión de elegibilidad más grande en la historia de nuestro programa de asistencia para el cuidado infantil”, dijo Lujan Grisham en su comunicado de julio. “Y este cambio establece un cuidado infantil prácticamente universal, gratuito o de costo reducido en Nuevo México durante al menos los próximos dos años, a medida que nuestra economía se vaya recuperando y los habitantes de Nuevo México regresen a trabajar.”

Todas las piezas están en su lugar, excepto una: todavía necesitamos de proveedores que asuman la responsabilidad y satisfagan la demanda. Incluso aquí en Santa Fe los centros y hogares ya existentes no pueden cubrir la necesidad que hay. Entre julio del 2019 y abril del 2021, Santa Fe perdió aproximadamente 306 lugares de cuidado infantil. Actualmente, sólo el 7% de

los bebés y niños pequeños locales tienen acceso a un cuidado infantil de alta calidad. Y esos números no reflejan los más recientes cierres de instalaciones.

En una encuesta reciente de *Growing Up New Mexico*, más de la mitad de las familias de Santa Fe dijo que necesita “más” o “mucho más” proveedores de cuidado infantil. Muchas familias expresaron su frustración con las largas listas de espera. Como nos comentó uno de los participantes de la encuesta: “No puedo encontrar ninguna guardería para poder regresar a trabajar”. Y quizás lo más inquietante es que otro padre nos dijo que estaba preocupado porque “mis hijos mayores cuidan a mi hijo más pequeño. Ellos tienen muy poca experiencia”.

La pregunta es, ¿en dónde encontramos a más proveedores de cuidado infantil en el hogar para satisfacer la necesidad de cuidado infantil de alta calidad? ¡Ahí es donde entras usted! Los centros en pleno funcionamiento no suceden de la noche a la mañana. En cambio, los proveedores de cuidado infantil en el hogar son un modelo de pequeña empresa sin muchos costos iniciales. Esto brinda la oportunidad para que un padre se pueda quedar en casa y cuide de sus hijos, mientras que al mismo tiempo obtiene ingresos. Podría ser una maravillosa solución comunitaria para un problema muy grande.

El modelo de crecimiento es muy claro, se empieza a brindar cuidado informal unos días a la semana para un grupo pequeño de niños, hasta obtener una licencia y poder cuidar hasta 12 niños. Inclusive algunos proveedores a domicilio deciden abrir sus

propios centros de cuidado infantil.

Entonces, ¿qué es exactamente el cuidado infantil en el hogar?

Es como el nombre lo dice, el cuidado infantil en el hogar es una forma de proveer cuidado a un pequeño grupo de niños en su casa. Los proveedores de cuidado en el hogar registrados pueden aceptar hasta cuatro niños que no viven con ellos en su propio hogar y recibir tanto capacitación como asistencia técnica de especialistas en el cuidado infantil. Los proveedores con licencia pueden aceptar hasta 12 niños, dependiendo del tipo de licencia que tengan. Los hogares registrados y los hogares con licencia son elegibles para aceptar la asistencia de cuidado infantil

y pueden participar en el programa de nutrición para adultos y niños (CACFP por sus siglas en inglés).

El convertirse en un proveedor de alta calidad requiere algo más que el amor por los niños, tan esencial como esto es. Se reconoce que el conocimiento del desarrollo y la seguridad de la primera infancia también es crucial, ECECD ofrece becas a las personas que trabajan en el cuidado de niños y que también están buscando obtener sus acreditaciones y títulos universitarios. Además, el Estado ofrece desarrollo profesional en línea gratuito a través de una plataforma llamada Quorum, así como software de manejo empresarial en línea gratuito a través de *Wonderschool* bajo la iniciativa de *Elevate New*

Mexico Child Care.

Si es una persona cariñosa, amorosa y es genial con los niños, éste es su momento para brillar. Para obtener más información sobre cómo registrarse o de cómo obtener una licencia como proveedor de cuidado infantil en el hogar, así como para enterarse de algunos de los recursos que están disponibles para usted, por favor visite la página de ECECD para profesionales de la primera infancia en nmececd.org/early-childhood-professionals/.

Por supuesto, hay muchos detalles en los que pensar, pero el tener apoyo necesario puede hacer la gran diferencia. Si decide que está listo para convertirse en un proveedor de cuidado infantil en el hogar, *Growing Up New Mexico* está trabajando para construir una red de proveedores en el hogar en las áreas de los condados de Santa Fe y Rio Arriba, para ayudar a los proveedores de cuidado infantil a brindar un cuidado infantil de calidad para las familias del norte de Nuevo México.

A través de la red de *Growing Up New Mexico*, usted podrá trabajar con un capacitador que le guiará en el proceso de iniciar o hacer crecer su negocio de cuidado infantil; conectarse con otros proveedores; obtener ayuda con el registro, obtener su licencia y otros trámites; y también a encontrar los recursos locales y estatales que necesita. El cuidado de los niños es de vital importancia para nuestra comunidad y no tiene que hacerlo solo. Si está interesado en recibir ayuda, envíenos un correo electrónico a engagement@growingupnm.org.

¿Entonces, qué piensa? ¿Está preparado para ello? ¡Su comunidad le necesita!



Si es una persona cariñosa, amorosa y es genial con los niños, ¡las familias en su comunidad le necesitan!

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Todavía necesitamos de proveedores que asuman la responsabilidad y satisfagan la demanda.

The **POWER** of Routine

Soothe your daily schedule to boost kids' sense of security and confidence
By Samantha Carrillo

My 2-year-old once brought home a Spiderman favor bag and a helium balloon from summer camp. On the way home, he told me how much he loved his new things, and I worried he'd want to play instead of napping.

So I told him the bag and balloon would stay on the dining table while he napped, and then he could play afterwards. He agreed, went to his room and napped. I was so impressed by his independence, thinking he simply must have been really tired.

But the truth is that he always naps after school and on the weekends after lunch. Everything is always in the same time frame and sequence.

That's a routine: things happening in the same order at the same time.

People in general need certainty throughout their day to feel safe, by knowing what is going to happen. When things aren't the way they're supposed to be, everything shifts in our minds, and it can be hard to deal with every single detail of that day from that moment on. The same is true for our kids. Having routines provides them with safety, comfort and structure.

Routine is a way of living every day following the same general steps from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to bed. And with time and constancy, children tend to excel at following those steps when they know what to expect.

Children like to feel useful and love having a purpose. Preparing the clothes they want to wear the next day is not just about getting ready for tomorrow, but about decision-making and directive skills.

Families can work out routines together, and as kids get older they can participate more and offer their own suggestions.

Here are some key points to consider:

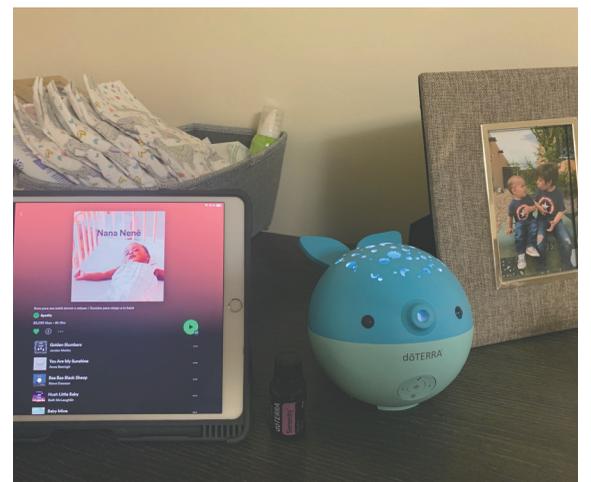
- Ideally, the whole family should stick to the same routine, eating meals and getting ready for school and work at the same time.
- Start small and incorporate new steps as the family has mastered the first steps of the routine.
- The main activities are done the same way every day (for example: wake up, go potty, brush our teeth and change our clothes before we sit down to eat breakfast). You can adjust the routine according to what's happening that day, but the main structure should remain in place. For instance, dinner and bath time can be switched without affecting the nighttime routine.
- Try to stick to a general time for every activity, but be flexible with it, as every child and every day can vary. We start the getting-to-bed routine by 7:30 and sometimes the kids are sleeping by 8, other times until 9. But every day, bath time is ready by 7:30.
- When things don't go the way they are "supposed to," you can always try again the following day.
- Set realistic expectations, and plan accordingly to the child's age.
- Place activities in the right environment. For instance, calm activities should precede the night routine to set the right energy, the room should be at the right temperature for sleeping, and children should wear appropriate sleepwear, not the shirt they wore all day.



Setting out clothes in the evening for the following day makes mornings flow more smoothly.



Make sure every child has his or her own lunch box and utensils.



A relaxing playlist and essential oil blends soothe children at bedtime to help them fall asleep.



And when routines are done, playtime is just fun! Samantha and her family play in Hyde Memorial State Park (with Batman to protect them).

Remember, routines must be consistent, and that's up to the parent. If one day you don't feel like sticking to the same sequence, that's OK. But if you don't remember to go back to the routine by the next day, your previous hard work will be lost as you lose momentum.

Kids need guidance with love and respect, and the things that matter take time and effort. When we give our attention, care and love in a consistent way, great things will happen in that relationship.

Once you have established a routine and the kids know what is going to happen next, there are fewer "negotiations" throughout your day. You only need to be firm and give information about the next activity: Let them know there are five minutes until bath time, for instance, and it's time to start gathering their things. Then five minutes later, tell them it's time to pick up and go to the bath. Repetition gives children confidence, making them feel smart and secure.

Here's a tip: If your child is struggling with a particular step of the routine, offer them a 15-minute break. Let them choose an activity you can do together. Afterward, the child will be more open to taking part in the routine.

Little games also make everything easier, like these playful transitions: "It's time to go upstairs and get ready for bed! Would you like to use your butterfly wings to fly upstairs or hop like a frog?" "Can you get to the car in only 10 steps?" "Dinner is ready! Let's row our canoe to the table."

You can read your little ones *The Importance of Routines* by Cydney Weingart. It's available digitally on Hoopla, which is free with a Santa Fe Public Library card.

For more inspiration, follow these accounts on Instagram: @Thebalanceafterbaby, @caleykukla, @yummys Toddlerfood, @thegentlemamma and @durmiendoconamor.

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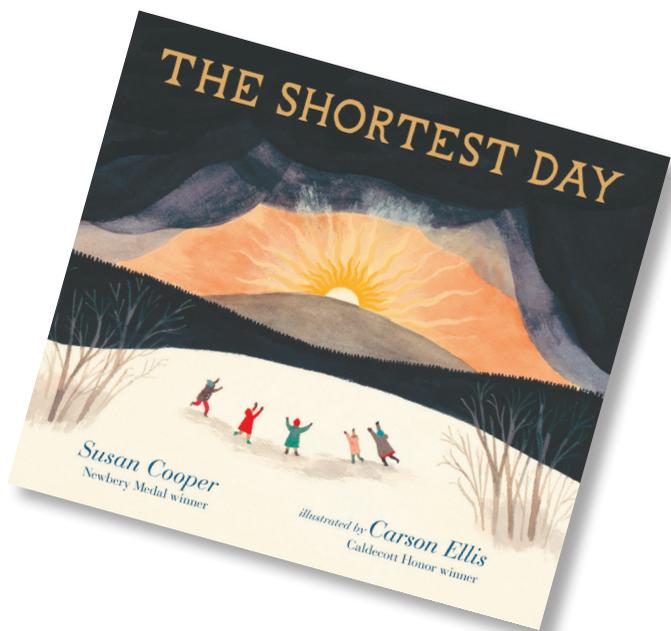
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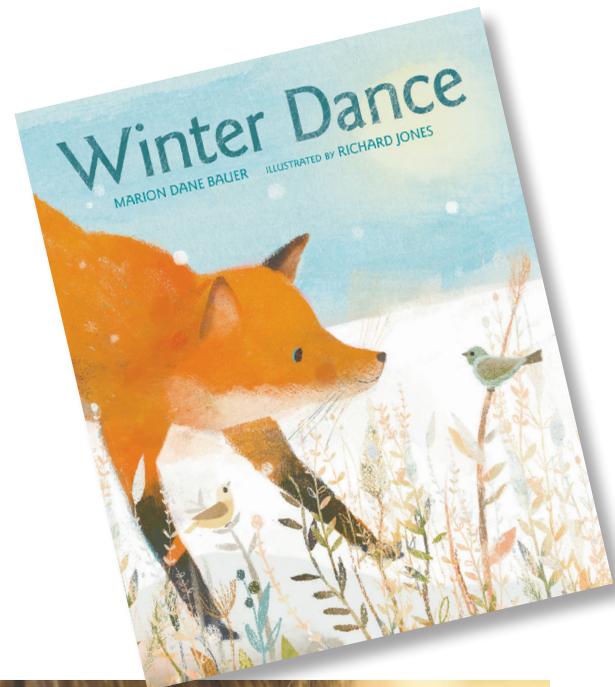
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Warm Winter Reads



Books for Short Days and Cold Nights
By Zoey Barnes

There's nothing cozier during the winter than snuggling up with a warm blanket, a cuddly little one and a good book. Here are a few wintry books to help you do just that. Most can be found at your local library. If you are shopping for holiday gifts, support your local independent bookstore, and shop early this holiday season!

A note: Most of these books can be enjoyed by kids of all ages. Babies and toddlers love to look at pictures. If the books seem too advanced at first, just talk about the pictures together or paraphrase the story for your child. Eventually, they will spend longer and longer with you on each page or book.

Baby Loves Winter! A Karen Katz Lift-the-Flap Book by Karen Katz (Little Simon, 2013)

Adorable, interactive, with delightful illustrations. Babies and toddlers will delight in following this sweet baby through all the fun of winter. Parent fans of Karen Katz' books will find another charming board book to add to your collection.

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats (Scholastic Books, 1962)

My daughter and I come back to this classic and Caldecott Winner day after day (not even in the winter!). A little boy explores the snowy city world around his neighborhood. We love discussing where his snowball goes when he brings it in at night. Available in board book and all other formats.

Hello Winter! by Shelley Rotner (Holiday House, 2018)

"The trees are almost bare. The days are getting shorter and colder. Winter is on its way." The first pages of *Hello Winter!* are accompanied by an image of a single falling leaf and made me want to snuggle up and hibernate right there at bedtime. This book has beautiful photos by Rotner of kids enjoying all manner of snowy winter celebrations and frosty activities. Photos are paired with simple, sweet text that is perfect for preschoolers. This book is fun reading for kiddos ages 18 months and up.



Zadie Barnes knows: [Children](#) are never too young to begin savoring the cozy pleasure of a good book.

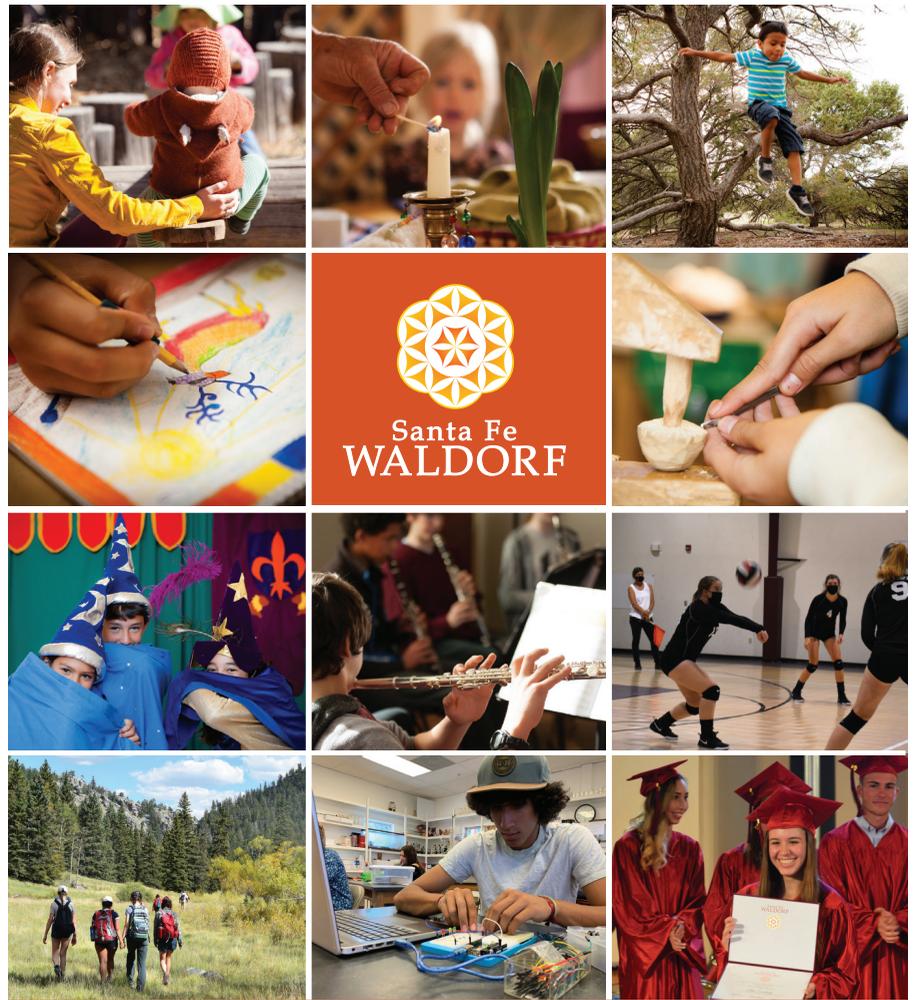
Cloudette by Tom Lichtenheld (Henry Holt, 2011)

This is not a winter book per se, but it is about a cloud and about the weather. This little cloud wants to do something big ... and she does! The story and the delightful illustrations had me and my 3-year-old in fits of giggles. Watching *Cloudette's* process of becoming

a rain cloud, preschoolers can also learn about the science of storms, rain and the weather. Great for 2- to 6-year-olds. (Also available as a board book, but get the hardcover as the board book lacks some of the best pages.)



Little kids love to look at pictures, and eventually they will spend longer and longer on each page or book.



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The Mitten adapted and illustrated by Jan Brett (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Reader, 1989, 2009)

I have a confession to make: I had never read this classic by Jan Brett before this year. A little boy wants snow-white mittens for winter. His grandmother is resistant — what if he drops one? But knit them she does. Of course, the little boy drops a mitten, and soon it becomes the home for quite a few forest animals. I marveled at the precise and gorgeous illustrations and the cheeriness of so many animals snuggled up together. A sweet classic for any age. Also available as a board book. Be sure to check out Jan Brett's most recent book, *Cozy* (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2020), about a soft musk ox and the animals who find him to be an unusual, but warm, winter home.

The Wish Tree! words by Kyo Maclear, pictures by Chris Turnham (Chronicle Books, 2016)

Charles and his sled Boggan want to find a wish tree. They set off and are soon helping all the forest animals with their preparations for winter. After transporting via sled everything from berries to a burrow and apples to a den, Charles is tuckered out. Little kids will delight in the fantastical twist and the whimsical, joyful illustrations.

Small Walt story by Elizabeth Verdick, pictures by Marc Rosenthal (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017)

Big and little truck enthusiasts will enjoy this inspiring story about a small snowplow who proves he is worth his salt, so to speak. All of the snowplow drivers shun Small Walt, except for Gus. Small Walt, however, "never falters" and clears streets the whole night through. This book includes lots of fun snowplow noises to make with your toddler. Be sure to check out the rest of the books in the series. Serious snowplow fans will also love *Good Morning, Snowplow!* by Deborah Bruss (Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018).

The Shortest Day by Susan Cooper, illustrated by Carson Ellis (Candlewick Press, 2019)

Caldecott Honor Book author Carson Ellis reimagines Newbery Medal Winner Susan Cooper's poem "The Shortest Day" in gorgeous form. Originally written to be performed with "The Revels," the book has a poetic, meditative cadence that tracks the centuries' old celebration of the solstice and the going of the light. Little kids might find some of the pictures a little scary, but older preschoolers will be fascinated by the story. The book sparks discussion about how we celebrate the coming of dark through celebrations of light.

Otto Goes North by Ulrika Kestere (Gecko Press, 2019)

Otto is a lemur and bicyclist who goes to visit his friends Lisa (a lynx) and Nils (a bear) in the north. He is painting the Northern Lights when he starts to freeze! Lisa and Nils warm him up with a sauna and some blueberry soup, but Otto is still cold. The friends find an ingenious way to keep their lemur friend warm. My whole family loves this silly book and the gorgeous illustrations. The text is a little longer, so this one is perfect for readers who love a good story.

The Farolitos of Christmas and Farolitos for Abuelo by Rudolfo Anaya, illustrated by Edward Gonzales (Hyperion Books for Children, 1995 and 1998)

I love these books for many special reasons. Reading them, I can almost smell the smoke of the Christmas Eve bonfires and hear the rustle of farolitos as we decorated our neighborhood streets as a child. They remind me of growing up in Santa Fe and how the holiday season here is unlike any other. The illustrations by Gonzales are fittingly luminescent and full of love.

There are so many beautiful winter books! Here are a few more notable mentions. What are your family's favorites?

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson (Little Simon, 2005)

Bear and Wolf by Daniel Salmiere (Enchanted Lion Books, 2018)

Go to Sleep, Groundhog! by Judy Cox (Holiday House, 2004)

Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant (Schwartz & Wade Books, 2016)

Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner (Chronicle Books, 2011)

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen (Phillomel Books, 1987)

Raven, Rabbit, Deer by Sue Farrell Holler (Pajama Press, 2020)

Secrets of Winter (A Shine-a-light book) by Carron Brown (Kane Miller, 2015)

Winter Dance by Marion Dane Bauer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017)

Winter is Here by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books, 2020)

Many thanks to Victoria Walton, children's book librarian and bookseller at Prairie Lights Books, a favorite independent bookstore in Iowa City, for her superb suggestions always, and to members of the Santa Fe Hiking Mamas group for sharing some of their favorite wintry books.

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The Children's Hour: Any Time, Anywhere

Radio show created in Albuquerque is now carried on airwaves across the country and beyond.

By Jennifer Villela

When Katie Stone created The

Children's Hour radio show, an award-winning Saturday morning staple on KUNM-FM, she knew kids should be a big part of the show.

Stone became producer and host of the show in 2001 as a volunteer for KUNM, a public radio station broadcast from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Within six months of taking the helm, she had assembled a "Kids Crew," an all-ages group of children, including a DJ, who help produce the show each week. Over the years, the kids have been welcomed to help in ways they feel they can best contribute, including serving as co-hosts; conducting interviews; doing book, film and game reviews; and more.

The Kids Crew is perhaps one of the things that make The Children's Hour show so popular. It also might be because of all the interesting and super-fun content that is featured each week. The show focuses on educational topics such as civics, STEM, culture, music education, literacy, health, history, art and performance, and is delivered in a lively, memorable and engaging manner, which includes kids participating in its creation, plus lots of music!

"I believe public radio should include the public," Stone said. "In addition to our crew, which helps create the show, kids have always been welcome in the studio, and during COVID, they are always welcome to join us on Zoom."

The Kids Crew currently has over 30 members, ranging from 4½ to 18 years old. Some have volunteered for as long as 10 years. Today, due to the pandemic, the Kids Crew joins via Zoom. All kids are invited to check out what it's like to be part of the Kids Crew by emailing katie@childrenshour.org.

"Working on the Children's Hour is one of the highlights of my childhood," said Jena Ritchey, a former Kids Crew member. "Katie Stone gave voice and responsibility to children of all ages. As a 12-year-old, I was given the responsibility of writing scripts, selecting music, interviewing guests and engineering the sound board. I learned to think on my feet, to speak clearly, and I could not have asked for a better way to spend my Saturday mornings as a young person."

Stone has worked steadfastly over the years to increase the show's reach. In 2018, she formed a nonprofit to syndicate the show and has found great success at growing its audiences across the United States and beyond. The



Right from the start, Katie Stone knew The Children's Hour should include kids in all stages of production. Twenty years later, it still does.



Beloved children's musician Raffi joins The Children's Hour via Zoom.

Children's Hour, which begins its 21st year in 2022, is now carried on more than 120 radio stations across the United States, as well as internationally on stations in Australia, Canada, Switzerland and the Philippines.

Each week the show features guests — sometimes local or regional guests, such as New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, and sometimes national guests, like Dr. Anthony Fauci, who appeared on the show Jan. 31, 2021. Other notable guests include U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Ziggy Marley, and Raffi, one of the world's most beloved children's musicians.

Stone creates a special music playlist for each show. For some shows, a professional educational writer creates a comprehensive learning guide. For the show in which Lujan Grisham was a featured guest, the learning guide included a fact sheet about female governors and information about the tools governors use to run the state. All of this can be found online, along with a podcast of each show.

Upcoming shows include The Best of 2021, featuring the best kids' music that came out in 2021, including a taste of Grammy nominees, and a showcase of some of the favorite clips from the year. A Children's Hour Christmas Special, an all-music show that is loaded with holiday music, including new takes on classics from some favorite Kindie musicians, is a great accompaniment for Christmas morning, airing on Dec. 25.

Bullying and kindness will each be a topic for two shows in January of 2022. The anti-bullying nonprofit organization ihollaback! that was formed to take care of communities and end harassment in all forms will

be featured in one show. Another show will feature musician Lindsay Munroe. Munroe is a singer/songwriter who writes songs for children and teaches them all about kindness. Her 2020 song *I Am Kind* won critical praise and a National Parenting Products Award, celebrating excellence in children's entertainment.

Also in January, the Children's Hour will welcome Jon Ghahate (Zuni Pueblo) a museum educator from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for a show called "Keeping It Real," which will address issues of cultural appropriation.

During the pandemic, many members of the Kids Crew created a musical called *ICKY: A Radio Musical*, beginning in the early fall of 2020 and culminating in an epic project documenting this extraordinary moment in history from a child's point of view. With music set to infectious beats, great sound effects and scoring, *ICKY* is captivating for children and adults alike. The idea to create this musical was inspired by the desire to engage kids of all ages in conversations about the social and emotional toll of the pandemic. If you are interested in what a radio musical is like, you can listen to *ICKY: A Radio Musical* at childrenshour.org/icky/.

Tune in every week to The Children's Hour! The show airs in Albuquerque at 9 a.m. on Saturdays on KUNM 89.9 FM. Past episodes are also podcast at childrenshour.org. For listeners not in New Mexico, go to childrenshour.org/stations/ to find one near you.

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Artwork by kindergartners through second-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.



Kids' Crew members interview local and national guests, including Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller.



Dr. Anthony Fauci is one of many notable guests to appear on The Children's Hour. Watch a clip of the interview on our website, or listen to the podcast: childrenshour.org/pandemic-schooling/.

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A WHOLE NEW WORLD

A Santa Fe Teen embraces the chance to learn overseas
By Liana Star



The author (center, wearing the New Mexico sash) joins other United World College students in celebrating UWC day, representing their respective cultures and nationalities. Courtesy photos.

Most teenagers fantasize about turning 18. We're told everything changes once you become an adult, and 18 is the magical age at which we gain our freedom by leaving home and heading off to college. We spend most of our teenage years romanticizing what this mighty milestone signifies.

I've been awaiting this deadline literally for years, eager to speed up the never-ending anticipation. So, when presented with the opportunity to cut down my waiting time and move out at 16, I jumped at the chance.

I first became aware of the United World Colleges in 2018, after my aunt was assigned a project at the campus in Montezuma, New Mexico. I was immediately drawn in. Living in another country surrounded by people from

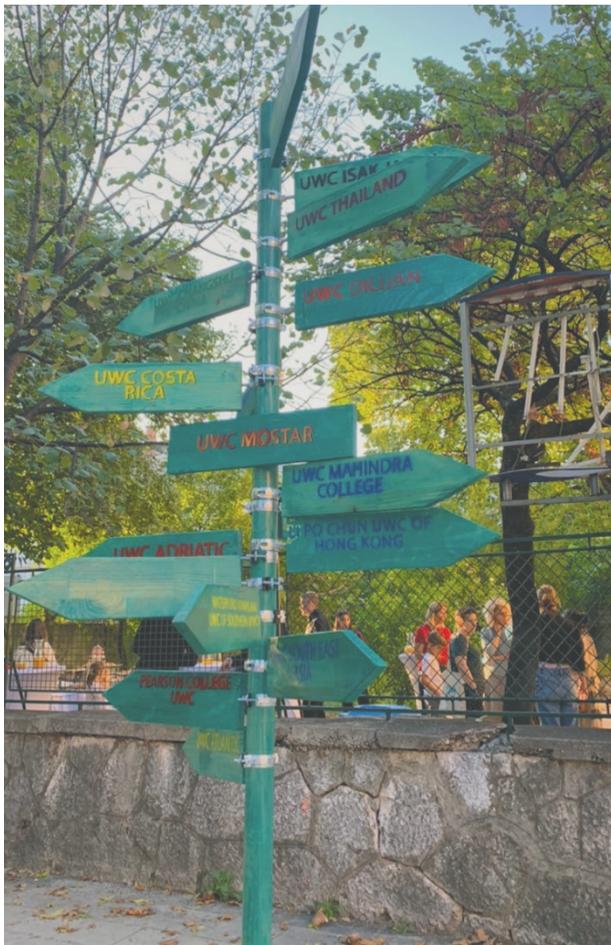
countless corners of the world quite literally described my dream school. I spent the next two years obsessing over the dream-like concept of UWC.

The United World Colleges are a series of 18 international boarding schools that follow the International Baccalaureate, a two-year program for students completing their last two years of high school. To quote their impact statement, "UWC is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future." This global movement enraptured me and has led me to where I am now: the UWC campus in Bosnia and Herzegovina, also known as UWC Mostar.

I started my application in July 2020 and received my acceptance letter in March 2021. Completing the

application process was easily the hardest thing I have ever done, as well as the most rewarding. When applying to UWC you're asked to rank your campus choices from one to 18, but the final decision of which campus you will attend is decided by the application committee.

Upon receiving my acceptance letter, I learned I would be spending the next two years in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It's nearly impossible to describe my excitement. I love New Mexico, but the appeal of completely immersing myself in an unknown culture and beginning my new journey engaging with adulthood was too good to pass up. I received many questions from my friends and family, most commonly, "Why Bosnia?" It was often hard to



A signpost on the Mostar campus points in the direction of each UWC campus.

explain that I didn't quite choose it, and even harder to explain why I was so excited. My excitement had little to do with the location, though; to be quite honest, two years ago I had no idea Bosnia and Herzegovina was even an existing country!

I started my studies at UWC Mostar in late August 2021. All UWC schools follow the International Baccalaureate program, which requires six subjects, so regardless of campus, all UWC students take the same number of courses. I am studying psychology, anthropology, chemistry, English language and literature, Spanish Ab initio, and mathematical analyses and approaches. The ability to pick your courses according to your interests is an aspect of UWC that I greatly appreciate.

One of the more unusual aspects of the school in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the fact that it is on an open campus. Students freely roam the city, with school buildings and dormitories located at various points. This is very unusual, as 16 out of 18 UWC schools are closed campuses. UWC Mostar has four dormitories located throughout the city, and a fifth is in the making. At this campus you share a room with anywhere from one to three other students, and you are intentionally placed with students of other cultural backgrounds in order to promote as much diversity as possible. My three roommates are from France, China, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Since arriving, I have been surprised at the similarities between the United States and Bosnia. I often find myself forgetting that I'm on a whole different continent, not a city in the U.S.

But the experiences I've had can only come from being 5,000 miles from home and surrounded by new places and people. You gain a sense of adaptability that is hard to learn in any other situation. As someone who grew up extremely dependent on her parents, I've been amazed at the new skills I've learned since moving abroad. I've learned I'm capable of calling a Bosnian bank when my debit card happens to get stuck in an ATM for two weeks, as well as asking for help when I realize the situation



Students from the United States on UWC Day.

requires an adult.

The most influential part of attending UWC, as you could probably guess, is the people. I happened to meet my most impactful person during the last stage of the application process. We quickly became close, but the chances of us both getting into UWC, much less the same campus, were extremely small. When we were both accepted into the UWC campus in Bosnia, we were beyond surprised. In a place in which you're surrounded by people speaking foreign languages, speaking of cultural icons you've never heard of, and with senses of humor you don't quite grasp, it's easy to find comfort in familiarity. In my case I found comfort in my U.S. classmate, and made friends with a girl from Mexico, and a boy from France. We are unlikely friends, with four contrasting personalities, different talents and faults, but that makes for countless interesting situations. My favorite moments are found in the hours I spend sitting and talking endlessly with them about everything and nothing. I never expected that I would place so much value on the rare moments I get to sit outside, forgetting about the responsibilities and stress that come with being a teenager, surrounded by the people I'm lucky enough to call my friends.

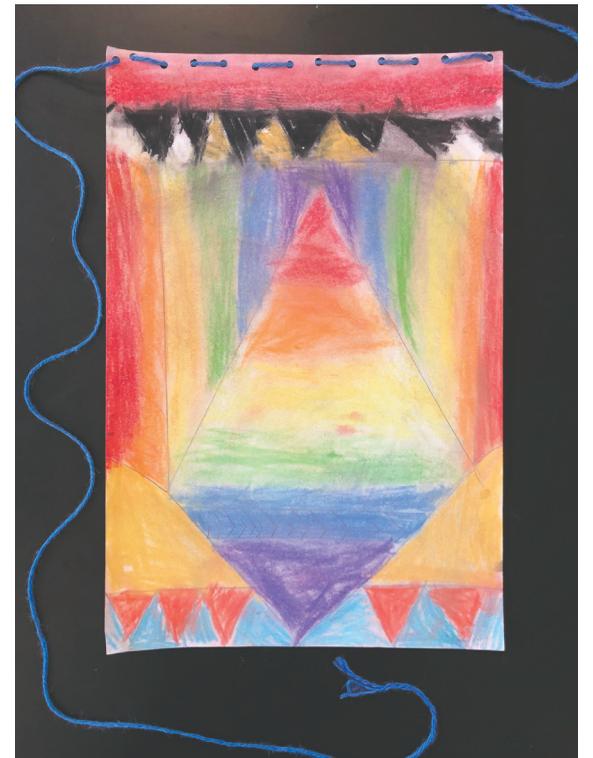
The price of attending United World College varies between campuses, but the program in Bosnia and Herzegovina has a cost of \$20,000 per year for tuition, meals and boarding. The United States National Committee offers a program in which a select number of accepted participants receive a \$50,000 scholarship, meaning my education is fully paid for by the Shelby Davis Foundation. Other scholarships are available, which are quite generous in nature. One of the really equitable aspects of UWC is its concept that acceptance should be based on character, not wealth. You aren't even asked to submit any financial details until after you're nominated to a program and begin the process of figuring out the logistics of paying your tuition.

One of the most special things about UWC is that

there is no one specific type of student it is hoping to admit; the diversity is what makes it so unique. To those thinking of applying, there's absolutely nothing to lose, so make the most of this opportunity.

For more information, visit uwc.org/.

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Third through fifth graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School's Art Education Department.

IT'S TIME FOR TEENS TO THRIVE

Local organizations are expanding and innovating to empower youth.
By Connie Tooker Nuñez

What does it mean to thrive?

The dictionary definition of “thrive” is to prosper, be fortunate or successful, grow vigorously and flourish.

What does it take for teens to thrive? A collective vision carried out by an array of individuals, agencies and organizations committed to delivering programs and resources that enable youth and teens to succeed in life and strive for a better future.

Having lived in Santa Fe throughout my adolescent years, I was fortunate to have had parents, siblings, friends and a network who supported me through my development into a working parent with a family and career I love. But I have also seen, too often, how local youth can be overlooked or made to feel invisible. I am happy to see a change in the mindset in New Mexico towards delivering innovative programs and resources that will help our teens thrive.

Below is a sampling of some of these great local opportunities. Some are expansions of long-established programs; others are new or still in the development stage, but they all share a common goal of building a community of support for youth and families. I encourage you to promote these important opportunities to fellow youth, families, schools, educators, peers and networks. Let's all spread the word!

Boys and Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte

The mission of this Santa Fe nonprofit, established in 1938, is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Seven neighborhood clubs in Santa Fe and Española provide after-school and summer programs, sports and family resources.

The brand new THE CLUB Teen Center at the Santa Fe Place Mall is a place where teenagers can hang out with each other, enjoy a gaming room, have a snack, get tutoring and more, providing a safe and fun option for teens at the end of the school day.

Through the Diplomas to Degrees (d2D) program, teen club members get the tools and encouragement necessary to achieve academic success, high school graduation, goal-setting and college readiness. It is designed to guide and prepare teen members at the Zona Club in Santa Fe and Del Norte Club in Pojoaque for a postsecondary education,



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YouthWorks

YouthWorks offers innovative, comprehensive job-training programs such as YouthBuild and the YouthWorks Catering & Culinary Program. Culinary Production Manager Jacqueline (Jackie) Gibbs was recently honored by Catalyst Kitchens as the 2020 Catalyst for Change Winner. YouthWorks Catering provides a strong start in careers in the culinary arts and workforce development. The YouthWorks Food Truck is available now to serve catering needs for any local special event.

ThriftWorks, their newest social enterprise, just opened in November. This nonprofit thrift store, located at 2905 San Isidro Court in Santa Fe, will not only serve as a means to create program income but also as a natural hands-on teaching venue for young people to learn skills related to retail, customer service, logistics management, financial literacy and small-business management.

To learn more and get involved, visit santafeyouthworks.org/ or call (505) 989-1855.



YouthWorks Catering provides a strong start in careers in culinary arts.

College & Career Plaza

This nonprofit’s mission is to provide career and college mentoring and strategic guidance to Santa Fe Public School students, to ensure every high school student transitions with a plan for the future. Site coordinators at Santa Fe High and Capital High empower students for college and career readiness through jobs and internships, trainings and certificate programs, ACT/SAT Support, scholarships, college application requirements, college visits and tours, financial literacy and more.

During COVID, they conducted a series of Career Exploration Panels, where local professionals provided advice and shared their own career pathway journeys, including their high school experience, career hopes, pivotal moments, people who supported them and how they got to where they are through preparation, education and motivation. It fostered conversations of positivity and hope for young people to succeed.

To connect, visit collegecareerplaza.org/ or email inquire@collegecareerplaza.org.

City of Santa Fe’s Southside Teen Center

After about 10 years of discussing the need for a city of Santa Fe-funded facility catering to adolescents on our rapidly growing southside, it is now becoming a reality! Ground has been broken, and opening of the Teen Center on the Zona del Sol area, across the street from the Southside Branch of the Santa Fe Public Library, adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club and Solace Crisis Treatment Center, is expected in late 2022.

In response to surveys conducted to ask teens what they wanted and needed, the center will provide intentional programming in areas such as job readiness, financial literacy, legal services, internships, youth pregnancy and

parenting, and youth violence prevention. Physical activity and recreational opportunities will include a dance and performing arts studio and an outdoor soccer field. The city of Santa Fe will partner with aligned nonprofits and agencies, which will conduct meaningful programs to uplift today’s youth and future generations.

To learn more, go to santafenm.gov/youth_and_family_services_division.

Family YMCA in Los Alamos and Española

This nonprofit build community strength by focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Their services include youth and family healthy living and active lifestyle programs (recreation, fitness and health education programs); after-school and summer camp family support; and positive youth development programs for teens in Los Alamos and Española.

The Española Teen Center is a safe and caring environment that promotes positive core values. They provide programming that promotes self-discipline, builds self-esteem and teaches life skills essential to future success. The Los Alamos Teen Center strives to strengthen the self-efficacy and resiliency of community youth through educational support and positive youth development programs that include a music recording studio, music performance space, movie/gaming room, two computer labs, art studio, yoga studio, snack bar, classrooms and an outdoor deck.

To connect, visit laymca.org/ or call (505) 662-3100.

The Del Norte LOV Foundation

As the director of this independent foundation associated with Del Norte Credit Union (DNCU), I am

tasked with a mission of improving lives of youth and families in New Mexico. Empowering teens is a passion of mine. A major part of our commitment to the communities of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Sandoval Counties is offering programs that help teens learn financial skills that will help them thrive.

The Del Norte LOV Foundation Scholarship Program expands DNCU youth members’ education aspirations for a better future. The next application cycle will open on Jan. 12, 2022. Last year, we awarded 10 local students with scholarship awards of \$1,000 a piece for their higher education. Visit dncu.com/community-engagement/scholarships/ for details on eligibility and instructions on how to apply.

Sponsorships and community grant-making programs support local nonprofits focused on community support.

Finally, we teach financial literacy to children, teens and young adults. We have Baxter’s Bunch account holders from 0-12 years old, SCORE! account holders from 13-17 years old, and Free 4 Me account holders from 18-25 years old. To help them to be financially fit, we promote our relevant financial content and curriculum through partners including Greenpath Financial Wellness, Banzai Schools and Banzai Direct. To learn more about what we do, why we do it and how to get involved, visit www.delnortelovfoundation.org.

Let’s change the mindset towards youth and teens in New Mexico and support the many resources that are available in Santa Fe and Northern New Mexican. Let’s empower them to thrive!

Connie Tooker Nuñez is the director of the Del Norte LOV Foundation, an independent foundation associated with Del Norte Credit Union.



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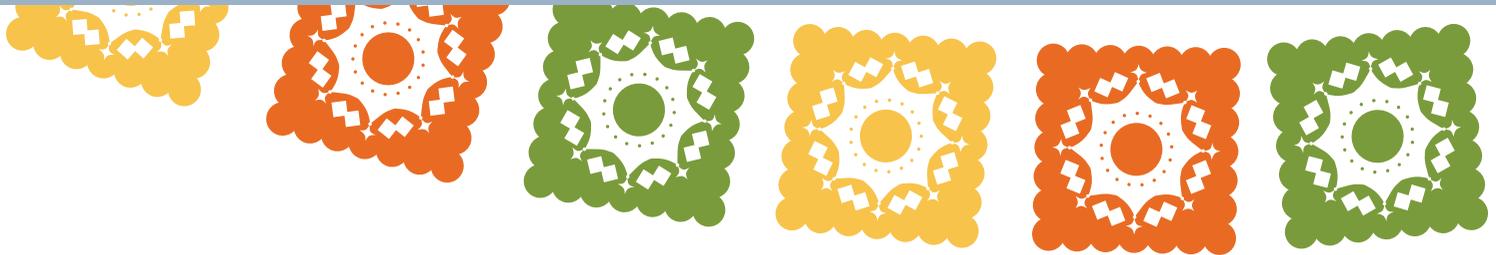
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Teens, shown here enjoying themselves at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center, will find expanded opportunities with the opening of the long-awaited Southside Teen Center, expected in late 2022.



Let's Get This Tamale Party Rolling!

Cooking with Kids shares simple steps for this New Mexico favorite.
By Rachel Shreve

Join the *tamalada*!

(That's a tamale party.) The best way to make tamales is to have everyone help out — plus it's a lot of fun! Little hands can help measure and mix the masa, grate zucchini and cheese for the filling (watch those knuckles!), and roll and tie the tamales. Our tasty vegetarian version is a simple spin on traditional favorites, and the smaller tamales take less time to cook. We like to serve our simple red chile sauce on the side, but don't be surprised if second helpings end up doused in the stuff!

Thousands of kids have been making tamales this fall in their Cooking with Kids classes in Santa Fe and Española Public Schools, and while we aren't yet able to invite family members back into the schools, kids are taking the *tamalada* spirit back to their families! Says one fifth-grader: "Now, I am enjoying cooking with my mom and dad. I surprised them with my tamales and they couldn't believe how delicious they were."



Fill your tamales with meat, cheese, beans, vegetables — or nothing at all.



Making tamales is most fun when many hands help out.



Smaller tamales take less time to cook.



SFPS students are taking the *tamalada* spirit home to their families!

Vegetable Tamales with Red Chile Sauce

Makes 24 tamales

There are many kinds of tamales. Some are wrapped in fresh corn leaves, banana leaves or avocado leaves. Most tamales have fillings of meat, cheese or beans, but some have no fillings at all. These vegetarian tamales are smaller than most and take less time to cook. When everyone works together, making tamales is easy and the results are so satisfying.

Wrappers and Masa

4 ounces dried cornhusks
2 1/4 cups masa harina de maiz
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
1 3/4 cups warm water

Soak the cornhusks in hot water until soft and pliable. Tear 3 cornhusks into 1/4-inch strips to be used to tie the tamales.

Make the masa: Put the masa harina, baking powder and salt into a bowl and mix together. Stir in the melted butter. Add the warm water and mix well to make a soft dough. In the bowl, knead the dough gently for 1 minute. Cover the masa and let rest for 10 minutes.

Tamale Filling

2 mild green chiles (Anáheim), roasted, peeled and diced
1 medium zucchini, grated
1 cup frozen corn kernels
1/2 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt

Make the tamale filling: In a bowl, mix together the green chile, zucchini, corn, cheese, cilantro, oregano and salt. Stir well to combine.

Make the tamales: Lay a softened cornhusk flat on a clean surface. Put a heaping tablespoon of masa in the center of the cornhusk. Flatten masa with fingertips to about 1/8 inch thick. Put a heaping teaspoon of filling into the center of the masa. Roll up and tie the ends of the tamale. Steam for 25 to 30 minutes, until the tamales are firm. Serve with red chile sauce.

Red Chile Sauce

3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons masa harina de maiz or unbleached white flour
1/2 cup ground mild red chile
2 1/4 cups water
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon dried oregano

In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for about 30 seconds, stirring often until the garlic is fragrant, but not brown. Add the flour and whisk constantly for about 1 minute. Whisk in the red chile and cook only until fragrant. Be careful not to burn the chile or the sauce will taste bitter.

Slowly add the water, a little at a time, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Add the salt, pepper and oregano. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for about 15 minutes, uncovered, until thickened. Remove from the heat and serve with the tamales.

Rachel Shreve is the communications coordinator for Cooking with Kids, created in 1995, which provides nutrition education programs in school classrooms and cafeterias in Santa Fe and Española. Visit cookingwithkids.org for kid-tested recipes, how-to videos and other resources.

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Embracing the Safe Outdoors

Don't let winter keep you cooped up where viruses thrive.
By Cullen Arlington Curtiss

Over the last two trying years, I've often remarked how fortunate I feel that my family and friends are already enthralled with the safest place to be: outside. In the open, clean, blue-sky air of Northern New Mexico amid the Sangre de Cristos, we feel OK to gather. We can easily distance while still being in one another's presence, and we can give our hearts and lungs a challenge. In fact, our love of being outside has only grown, perhaps because we had to limit our behaviors in countless other ways.

As winter begins, most people will spend more time indoors, where viruses thrive. I urge the opposite: Embrace the colder, shorter days, the promise of precipitation, and the thrill of planning ahead to make sure your family and friends are active outdoors.

Up at the Basin

Early mornings and weekdays last winter, we took advantage of Ski Santa Fe's generous uphill access policy. Hoofing it up with your snow conveyance of choice on your back is an exhilarating workout with the beautiful reward of topping out at the Super Chief (Quad) or Tesuque Peak (Triple) lifts on your own steam. Give yourselves an hour or more, depending. Remain on the fringes up Lower (green) to Upper Broadway (brief black) runs, and then on to Saddle (blue) and Gayway (blue) runs. Beware of folks descending. Choose your one glorious shoosh down.

For a mellower twist, we checked the entertainment schedule and planned an excursion around a band we

wanted to see perform at Totemoff's Bar & Grill. After a lazy 11-ish arrival (you can find parking in the top lot at this time!), we'd climb the Sunnyside (green) run to the deck for lunch. You'll be warm from the nice walk, see all of your other friends during their ski-day intermission, and groove to great local music in the sunny belly of our beloved mountain.

If that canyon has you enchanted, consider sledding at Hyde Memorial State Park. The sled run (\$5 day use fee) is open daily when conditions allow, and my advice is to make sure the conditions are ample because this run has a very healthy pitch. Another spot is Black Canyon Campground. The kids would find any little rise, scramble up, and then slide down. The adults and dogs loved the 1.6-mile loop on the trail of the same name (snowshoes or cross-country skis depending). Oh, and look out for announcements about the Santa Fe Striders Snowshoe Classic. Due to the pandemic, the "race" was a self-timed, self-completion deal last winter, but we entered, participated and had a blast. Beginning at the Big Tesuque Campground, the course is a well-marked 6 kilometers.

North on 25

On milder winter days, of which we may see more this La Niña winter, we had great adventures on our mountain bikes at the Galisteo Basin Preserve. We were among the first to try the newest trail, Brent's Bon Temps, named, like most trails, in honor of one of the many designers and builders. Easily navigable, this

trove of varied-level traildom with Ortiz Mountain vistas is in perfect condition. We love the Cowboy Shack Trailhead parking lot for its convenience. Be prepared for some wind and bring lots of water. It's great for hiking, too.

Farther along I-25, there is another of our mild winter day destinations for biking — the trails at the private Glorieta Adventure Camps. Kindly, they offer public access to 20 miles of green, blue and black mountain biking and hiking trails. Our favorite is the newly constructed moderate Cairn Me Up. The views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Glorieta Baldy are nonpareil! Parking is at the Baptist Bypass Trailhead.

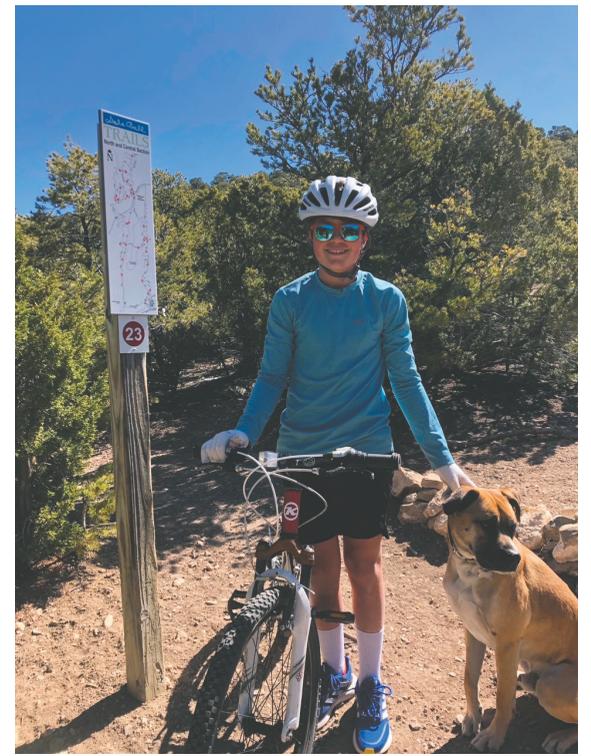
Pecos National Historical Park is out in this direction with several interpretive shortish loop trails, including the Glorieta Battlefield Trail. It's a great day trip for your resident history buff; unfortunately, we couldn't get our crew interested in that type of adventure.

The 'Relief Route' of 599

We live in Casa Solana, so a quick jaunt gets us over to 599 and the gems in this area. The out-and-back Diablo Canyon Recreation Area offers a trusty and glorious winter walk on a sunny day. Our group never seemed to hike the same route twice, and never tired of seeing folks climbing the basalt canyon walls. Last winter, we brought our disc golf discs and got competitive, choosing a distant spot and seeing how



A hard-to-find geocache on Museum Hill makes for a great discovery on a winter's day. Courtesy photos.



The Dale Ball Trails network provides many options for biking, hiking and dog-walking. Courtesy photos.



Be on top of the world in fresh powder at Ski Santa Fe. Courtesy photos.

many tosses it took each of us to reach it. We made it all the way to the river before we knew it — about a 6-mile, easy-to-moderate round-trip walk.

Closer to town is the expansive 25-mile system of La Tierra Trails, which are great for biking with fun pump tracks and jump courses, but also great for walks. It's reasonable to expect that these trails will be dry-ish for a good portion of the winter. We typically park at Cuchara for convenience, but Calabasas and Frijoles offer excellent access, too. The first few months of the pandemic, our kids spent nearly every afternoon here, so this spot will always hold a special place in my heart because I think it saved them all. For the moderate rider, the Hustle & Flow trail, between markers six and seven, is such a thrill. A couple of times, we started at the unusually located trailhead behind The Lodge at Santa Fe for a dynamic and varied 1.5-hour loop.

A little farther west along 599 toward Albuquerque is Marty Sanchez Links de Santa Fe, open through the winter, weather depending. Once a week, we played the nine-hole Great 28 course with rented clubs and carts and never tired of it, even when we didn't improve at the wholly frustrating game. Your kids will likely delight in finding ball after ball thought to be lost off the fairway. (I think ours found 30 in one day.) The pro shop folks couldn't be more welcoming, very excited for the business in the off season and to see young people on the course. We always made time for lunch at the tasty Links Bar & Grill, which has outdoor and indoor seating.

Off of Airport Road to the east, La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs are worth a trip, and winter is a great time because it's consistently cooler. Walk the gentle trails along basalt cliffs, where you will find petroglyphs, most of which were likely placed there between the 13th and 17th centuries.

Down the Turquoise Trail

We always found adventures down the Turquoise Trail a true day away from the ordinary. In particular, the five miles of trails in Cerrillos Hills State Park. The views of Sandia, Ortiz, Jemez and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges are exciting, and equally so are the shuttered silver, copper, manganese, iron, galena and gold mines, all explained with interpretive signs. You must stop at the Casa Grande Trading Post and Cerrillos Turquoise Mining Museum and Petting Zoo (yes, a petting zoo), but be prepared for cries for the many touchable objects, including beautiful gems. With any



Temporarily exhausted (but exhilarated) snowshoers on Broadway Trail catch their breath and get ready to ski down .
Courtesy photos.

luck the Black Bird Saloon will be open for lunch.

Farther afield is a jaunt for perhaps a more sophisticated group and a little more planning: the Allan Houser Sculpture Park and Gallery Garden offers countless stories of the Chiricahua Apachean's life. The 70 outdoor sculptures are so imposing, and your tour guide has endless details.

Rounding out your day at the Beer Creek Brewing Company is a fun and safe option. They have an excellent outdoor patio and a menu to suit all.

In town

Options for walks and bikes abound in town. A fave is the 17-ish-mile out-and-back Santa Fe Rail Trail, part asphalt and part dirt, that the whole family can enjoy with less-than-rugged mountain bikes. Ride or walk the length, along the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, and you'll end up in Lamy, but you can turn around at any point.

The Santa Fe River Trail is a flat, wide asphalt route that reaches Siler Road for the moment. If you start at Bicentennial / Alto Park, check out the pump track, where our kids used to roll when they were just learning, or make a stop at Frenchy's Field.

The easy 1.3-mile loop around the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve is delightful and offers interpretive signs. Parking is very convenient. Depending on the weather, a picnic at the Randall Davey Audubon Center covered area called The Perch is really nice. You can loop to it and feel as though you are truly in the wilderness.

All over Santa Fe

My final recommendation is perhaps my strongest: treasure hunt! Discover a vast number and range of finds through the GPS-based Geocaching (geocaching.com) and clue-based Letterboxing (atlasquest.com). I can still hear the shrieks of joy when the kids would find a cache.

I hope these ideas launch you and yours into some safe and creative outdoor excursions this winter!

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Cullen Arlington Curtiss hails from the Boston area, however, she has explored this high-altitude hamlet with children for long enough to know a thing or two. She makes a living as a writer.

HORNS, ANTLERS AND ATTRACTING THE Ladies

(And a surprise about Santa's reindeer!)

By Chase Spearing

Winter has finally arrived in New Mexico!

The leaves have finished changing and most trees are bare. Migrating birds have finished their travels to warmer areas further south, and many mammals have denned up for the winter. Deer and elk have finished their fall rutting season and have shed their impressive headgear. As you go on your winter hikes, keep an eye out for antlers! But first, how can you tell if you've found a horn or an antler?

Many animals with hooves have either horns or antlers. True horns are only found on bovids (such as bighorn sheep and bison, as well as cows and goats) and are unbranched and permanent, so they continue to grow through the animal's life. The core of a horn is bone with a sheath of keratin over top. Keratin is the same stuff your hair and fingernails are made out of. Horns can be seen on both males and females, but the females' horns are typically smaller.

Pronghorn can commonly be seen throughout New Mexico's open spaces, and their horns are a little different from animals like sheep and bison. Their horns have a core of bone, but the sheath of keratin covering the bone is shed and regrown every year. So they have somewhat of a combination of a horn and an antler. (Did you know the pronghorn is the fastest animal in North America? They can run upwards of 55 mph in a short sprint!)

What about rhinos and giraffes? These large African animals have what look to be horns, but theirs are a little different. In the case of rhinos, their horns are made completely of keratin and lack the bone core seen in true horns. Giraffes, and their cousin the okapi, have what are called osteocones, which are bony protrusions of the skull covered in skin and fur and lack the sheath of keratin.

Antlers are only found on the males of cervids, such as elk and deer. (There is one exception to that rule, but we'll see that later!) Antlers are completely made of bone, with a branching structure. They are grown specifically for the breeding season, then shed when the season is over.

But what about moose? Do they have horns or antlers? Moose have a special kind of antler called "palmate antlers." Moose are the largest member of the deer family, and the largest moose antlers ever recorded were almost 7 feet across! A male moose from Alaska was found to have a pair of antlers that weighed almost 80 pounds! Talk about some heavy headgear!

Horns and antlers have different structures, but they also have different uses in an animal's life. Horns are permanent throughout the animal's life and are used not



Horns of bighorn sheep are unbranched and permanent, meaning they continue to grow throughout the animal's life.



Bull elk grow antlers for competition against other males and attracting a mate, then shed them when breeding season is over.



Pronghorn, the fastest animals in North America, can be found throughout New Mexico's open spaces.

only in dominance displays between males but also as a battering ram against predators. Antlers are grown and shed seasonally, largely for the purpose of competition for the attention of females. So while a bull elk's headgear may look impressive to his ladies, they do not serve as a very good way to protect him against predators. In fact, antlers not only weigh the elk down, but make it next to impossible to run into a more forested, protected area if being chased by a predator. The branching structure of a big set of antlers makes it much easier for them to become entangled in low-hanging branches. This is a big reason that antlered animals only have their antlers for a short period of time!

Animals with antlers are free of their headgear through the spring and most of the summer. Through the summer and into the fall, males consume considerably more food than their female counterparts in preparation for growing new antlers. The reason rutting and subsequent breeding occur so late in the year is so the young will be born in the spring when there is lots of new plant growth, providing mom the resources to produce enough milk for a growing calf or fawn. Antler growth in males takes around four months. As the antlers grow, they are covered in a material called velvet, which gets its name for its fuzzy appearance. The velvet not only protects the new antler as it grows but also provides a blood supply. As the antlers near completion, this velvet begins to shed, and male deer can often look quite gruesome as the velvet comes off.

Once the rutting season is over here in New Mexico, you may see signs of deer or elk in your area as the males shed their antlers. Keep an eye out for shed antlers near large fields where herds tend to congregate. But oftentimes you may not even see the antlers because rodents (from mice to beavers) love to chew on them! Antlers contain a large amount of calcium, which rodents need, and also provide an excellent material to wear down their ever-growing teeth. You may have walked past dozens of antlers on your hikes without even noticing because of their resemblance to downed tree branches. So keep a close eye the next time you're on a hike so you don't miss them! But please make sure you leave them, both for other people to enjoy and so rodents can get the nutrients they need going into the cold winter months.

Here's a fun fact for you to chew on! Of the 40 different species of deer on the planet, only reindeer females have antlers like their male counterparts. However, male reindeer shed their antlers by the end of fall when they are done rutting and females keep theirs through the winter. Do you know what that means? All of Santa's reindeer are females!

Want more fun animal facts? The New Mexico Wildlife Center is open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and encounters with our animal ambassadors are still being offered. We also offer education programs in school classrooms and throughout the community all year long. Visit newmexicowildlifecenter.org for more details.

Chase Spearing is the education coordinator for the New Mexico Wildlife Center.



Artwork by third-through fifth-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society. -Maria Montessori





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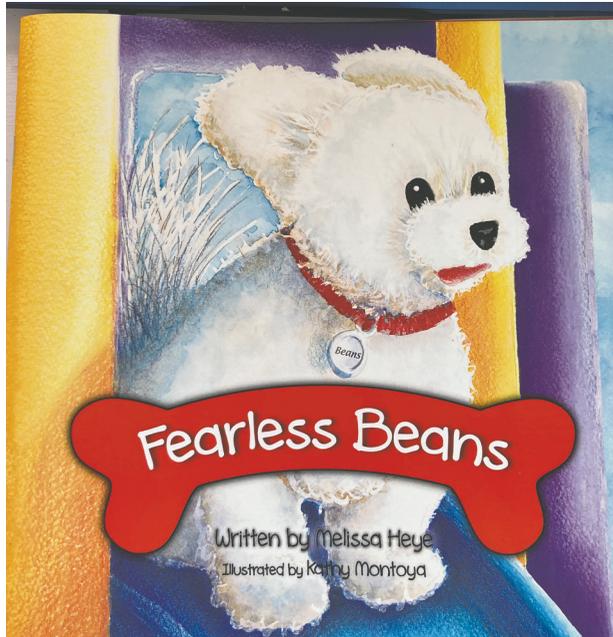
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News Briefs



Fearless Beans, written by Melissa Heye and illustrated by Julian Eubanks, could comfort children struggling with being back in a school setting.

Picture Book Inspires New School-Goers

With schools now open in person again, feelings of fear and uncertainty among children and parents are undoubtedly still present. *Fearless Beans*, a lighthearted story about a sweet white dog named Beans who faces the anxiety of starting his first day at doggie day care, may reassure readers that they, too, can overcome their fears and uncertainties.

The idea for *Fearless Beans* came about when behavioral therapist Melissa Heye, a former, long-time New Mexican, had to take her beloved Bichon Frise to doggie daycare in

Rio Rancho. Heye experienced “similar feelings as when I brought my own son to preschool 25 years earlier.” Recognizing that many people experience uncertainty or fear in their life, Heye wanted the message of *Fearless Beans*, published in 2013, to be that you can always overcome your fears. After the release of *Fearless Beans*, Heye visited several schools to read the story to children and donate copies to the schools.

Heye felt the urge to write a children’s book while working as a military family life counselor in Lanikai, Hawaii. She felt the experience of parents or caretakers reading stories to children — “a time to sit down and connect and explore your children’s feelings” — was something we were starting to lose in today’s busy world. While the pandemic has devastated the plans and dreams of many people, Heye notes that a silver lining is that many families find that they are spending more time at home together.

If you have a preschooler or young child who struggled to adjust to a school setting after a year or more of being home, this book might help put their anxieties to rest. The second Beans book, *Beans on the Move*, was published in August in e-book format. Both books are available for purchase through Amazon and Apple Books, with links on Heye’s website: fearlessbeans.com.

- Grace Nastase

Come Together to End Hunger

After much consideration, The Food Depot has decided not to hold its annual Souper Bowl fundraiser in January, where for 26 years visitors sampled soups from dozens of local restaurants to raise money for ending hunger in Northern New Mexico. The Food Depot is thankful for your support and patience, and we hope to see you in 2023.

In the meantime, however, the need for support remains critical. Many Northern New Mexicans are still recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic. You can make a difference for Northern New Mexicans experiencing food insecurity when you support The Food Depot in these other ways.

Your financial support increases the amount and type of food the food bank can provide.

Thanks to bulk food discounts and its network of hunger-relief partners, The Food Depot can feed four people for every dollar donated.

Donations of nonperishable food, paper bags and diapers are accepted at the warehouse at 1222 A Siler Rd. (the warehouse behind Kitchen Angels) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Need help thinking of what to donate? Think of a meal you would like to eat with your family.

You can also help by speaking out and educating others in your community organization, faith group, school or workplace, about the problem of hunger. Community food drives are an excellent way to get food distributed to Northern New Mexicans in need. Find suggestions for organizing your drive at thefooddepot.org/advocate/. The Food Depot can provide collection barrels if needed; call (505) 471-1633.

Whether the donation is small or large, financial or food, every single donation is appreciated and makes a difference. Visit thefooddepot.org to learn more about The Food Depot’s hunger-relief work and ways you can help. The Food Depot wishes everyone a healthy and safe holiday season. Thank you for your support!

- Jennifer West, Community Engagement Coordinator,
The Food Depot

SFPS Dashboard Provides Daily COVID Updates

Santa Fe Public Schools launched its new COVID Dashboard on Nov. 15 on its website, sfps.info. The website, updated daily, aims to ensure greater transparency and improved reporting to the public.

“With the upswing we’re seeing in COVID cases, SFPS sees the new COVID Dashboard as an enhanced way to update the public on what is happening district wide and school by school with students and staff. Graphs and charts help to clarify and place numbers in perspective and viewers can select various time periods, which allow for improved analysis,” said SFPS Superintendent Hilario “Larry” Chavez.

School principals will continue to notify parents whose students are in classrooms with someone who has been on campus while positive. SFPS’ COVID Dashboard aligns with dashboard reporting in other New Mexico school districts. The dashboard can also be found at bit.ly/SFPSDashboard and viewed on mobile devices by the community and media seeking updated information on COVID cases.

- Cody Dynarski, Santa Fe Public Schools



Sixth through eighth graders artwork submitted by Santa Fe Public School’s Art Education Department.

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AFTER-SCHOOL TENNIS

After-school tennis programs are underway at the Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club. Program offers two and three-day a week group lessons for ages 8 and up, beginners through advanced. Scholarships available. Located at our beautiful facility in the Museum Hill neighborhood, at 1755 Camino Corrales. Call (505) 988-4100, email club@santafetennis.net, or visit santafetennis.net for more information.

NEW MEXICO FENCING

New Mexico Fencing Foundation is Santa Fe's only full-time facility dedicated to fencing. The club offers a relaxed, supportive environment that builds the skills that make a successful youth fencer — whether training to be a recreational athlete or an international competitor. Classes and private coaching are available for youth and teen fencers. Equipment is provided for beginning classes. 1306 Clark Road, Santa Fe. Contact nmfencing@gmail.com, or register at www.nmfencing.org.

SANTA FE CLIMBING CENTER

After-school classes emphasize fun and games while introducing your child to climbing with a qualified instructor. Fall Sessions: Aug. 23 to Oct. 17 and Oct. 18 to Dec. 19. Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, ages 9 to 12, 3:30-5:00pm. Monday or Wednesday, ages 5 to 8, 3:30-5:00pm. Friday, ages 5 to 8, 1:00-2:30pm. Saturday or Sunday, ages 5-12, 12:30 to 2:00pm. Climbing Team: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-6:30pm or Wednesday & Friday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. 3008 Cielo Court, Santa Fe. Call (505) 986-8944 or visit www.climbsantafe.com.

SKATEBOARD SCHOOL

Indoor ramps for year-round fun! After-school and home school programs are now underway. Sessions and lessons for all abilities, ages 3 and up. Skateboards and gear provided to get started, with a complete shop specializing in safety gear. Curriculum includes skateboard homework and exploring the history of skateboarding using our museum and video library. Birthdays, parents' nights out and monthly events. 825 Early Street #H. For more information, call (505) 474- 0074 or visit skateboardsafety.com.

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Ongoing classes through the year. Ages 7 to 16 learn to dance and gain performance opportunities. Space is limited. Entreflamenco Santa Fe School of Flamenco is located at 135 West Palace Avenue on the second floor. Call (505) 209-1302 for more information.

KAREN PARSONS PIANO STUDIO

Piano lessons for ages 6 and up. Experienced teacher with BS in piano performance and MA in piano pedagogy. Students are encouraged to play in four informal recitals per year and participate in piano festivals. Music theory is presented along the way. Alfred method books are used along with supplemental music, which often helps motivate students to practice and perform for friends and family. Classical repertoire is learned asap. Oshara neighborhood, close to SFCC. We teach adults, too! Contact Karen Parsons, (505) 428-0997, or lteachpno@aol.com.

DRAGONFLY ART STUDIO

Now enrolling for our In-studio "Holiday Gift making workshop", "After school art classes" and "no-school art days". Celebrate creatively with customized art birthday parties, holiday gatherings, and get-togethers with family in the studio or on Zoom across the country! (Materials provided.) Enroll yourself or your child to discover your inner artist. Custom art classes stimulate imagination, creativity, and experimentation with a wide range of art media and materials to inspire the Art Zone through life. Come see our website or call Oceanna, (505) 670-5019.

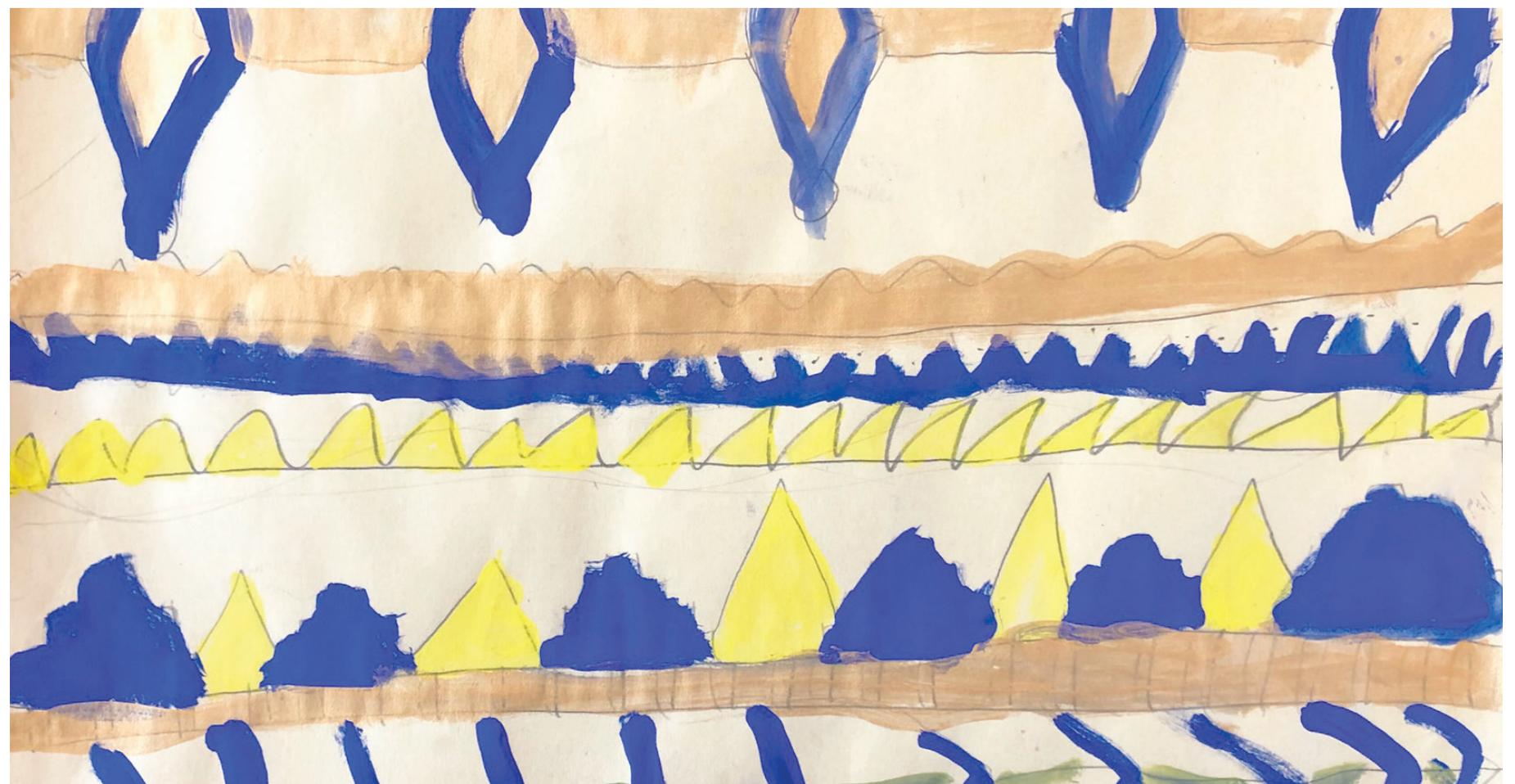
The Arts

ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET SCHOOL

Learn in a supportive environment that fosters confidence, technique and artistry. Classes for children ages 3 and up in creative dance, ballet, jazz, folklórico, modern and more. Performance opportunities. Call (505) 983-5591. Enroll online at aspensantafeballet.com.

BELISAMA IRISH DANCE

Belisama Irish Dance is now partnered with Rhythm Sol Santa Fe to bring you expanded offerings of Creative Movement alongside our Irish Dance classes. Ages 2+ as well as parent and child classes. Performance and competition opportunities available. See our website for more information and contact details. www.BelisamaIrishdance.com



Artwork by third-through fifth-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

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Artwork by sixth-through eighth-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

JF MAZUR ART STUDIO

Afterschool & Homeschool art classes introduce children to fine art media such as acrylic paint, watercolor, charcoal, ink, graphite and much more. Each lesson introduces students to a new artist like Gustav Klimt, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Amy Sherald, or a new concept such as perspective, composition, and light/shadow. Students will improve their skills in drawing and painting as well as enrich their love of art and art history. Classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ages 5-12 & 10-15. For more information about registration, visit us at www.jfmazurstudio.com, call 240-321-9212 or email jillian@jfmazurstudio.com

NDI-NEW MEXICO AT THE DANCE BARN

Over 70 classes per week to choose from including ballet, jazz, tap, modern, theater, fusion, jazz, pointe, hip-hop and voice. Teen and adult classes available. Visit ndi-nm.org/thedancebarnsreg or call (505) 983-7646.

SANTA FE YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Music and performance education for young musicians (2nd - 12th grade) in orchestra, chamber music, mariachi, and jazz. Elementary Strings Program: After-school classes in beginning viola, violin, and cello w/ instrument. Auditions for performance groups are available in January, May, and August/September. Strict Covid-safe protocols. For details: visit www.sfysa.org, call (505) 672-5565 x 202, or email Alyssa@sfysa.org.

WISE FOOL WINTER BREAK CAMP

Wise Fool camps and classes allow kiddos to run away with the circus, without leaving home! At the Winter Break Camp, for ages 7 to 12, students learn stilt-walking, unicycling, aerial fabric, trapeze, juggling, puppet-making, clowning and more, all in a safe, non-competitive environment. Camps fill up quickly. Camp runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 16 to 20, for \$285, with before- and after-care options. Tuition assistance is available. Register at wisefoolnewmexico.org or call (505) 992-2588. Wise Fool Studios, 1131-B Siler Road, Santa Fe.

Tutoring & Learning

MAY CENTER FOR LEARNING

May Center for Learning provides after-school tutoring in reading, writing and math and coaching in executive functioning skills. In addition, we offer academic language therapy for students with dyslexia and related learning differences. May Center also provides educational evaluations that diagnose learning differences. May Center is located at 1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe. Please call (505) 983-7407 for May School or (505) 780-5439 for May Center Tutoring and Evaluation, or visit www.maycenter.org for more information.

SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WINTER CAMP

2021 Winter Explorers Camp, two wondrous weeks of winter break fun! (Ages 5-8). Explore the magic world of wizardry and adventure into the arctic with us! Campers will be enchanted by our weekly themes and educated through art, science, and play each day! The jam-packed program includes STEAM activities led by our experienced museum educators, special private playtimes both inside and out, and weekly presentations of real animals by the New Mexico Wildlife Center!

Week 1: Dec 20th-24th: Winter Wizard Lab: a whimsical investigation of imagination and ingenuity. Craft a mysterious cloak, design a wonderful wand, and keep note in your secret handmade spellbook to answer the question, will it fly, float, or disappear?

Week 2: Dec 26th-30th: Arctic Animal Adventure: Gear up and learn about the most treacherous of tundras. Make an LED lantern from scratch, cook a fish with fire, build a survival fort and get creative with creatures through costuming and experiments!

Si habla español. Limited space is available. Register at santafchildrensmuseum.org

SANTA FE LOWRANCE FAMILY YMCA

The Santa Fe Family YMCA offers After-School Programs (Elementary School Age) and Out-Of-School-Time Day Camps. These programs provide a fun, safe place to go during out-of-school time. We include learning experiences in which children can build on literacy, math, science, art, health and wellness and social skills. Homework assistance is provided. So that you may plan ahead the YMCA will be offering an Out-of-School-Time Winter Camp in December. Please contact the Y at 505-595-1515 extension 4 or visit our website at www.ymcacnm.org.

SANTA FE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

Delve into a new experience at Santa Fe School for the Arts and Sciences! Enrichment programs for students third through eighth grade including Dungeons and Dragons, Tang Soo Do (Korean martial arts), Rhythm Drum Club, Soccer, Math Club, Beginning Group Guitar and Art Studio, in a supportive, hands-on expeditionary learning environment. Bright minds. Kind hearts. Whole child. Students from other schools are welcome but must provide their own transportation. Contact office@santafeschool.org, call (505) 438-8585 or visit www.Santafeschool.org.

Winter Calendar - December

Please keep in mind, our community is doing its best to provide services, access and opportunities while keeping families safe. Organizations may require specific safety measures, and event details may fluctuate.

Visit the online event calendar at TumbleweedsMag.com for the latest updates.

December

RIVER OF LIGHTS 2021

11/27/21 – 12/30/21 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Enjoy the magic of millions of twinkling lights and nearly 600 dazzling holiday displays at New Mexico's largest walk-through light show! Closed Dec. 24 and 25. Tickets are limited and will be sold online only. Visit www.riveroflights.org.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

12/1/21 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Every Wednesday, bird expert Robert Walker will talk about birds in the Observation Room at the Los Alamos Nature Center. Bring your questions, and enjoy the view! Visit www.pecnature.org.

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TODDLER TUNES

12/1/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

On First Wednesdays, children and parents sing and dance together, while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Visit www.lafs.org.

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THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

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FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS!

12/2/21 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

The Santa Fe Children's Museum partners with the Santa Fe Fire Department (SFFDP) to bring a special experience for all museum attendees where children are welcome to enjoy a story time and interact with firefighters. SFFDP firefighters will read some of their favorite books then welcome everyone outside to see their fire truck!

WINTERFEST WEEKEND

12/3/21 – 12/5/21 | Varies Events

WinterFest Weekend is a family-oriented holiday event that celebrates winter in Los Alamos. Businesses and organizations host events including the North Pole Workshop and Breakfast with Santa. Visit www.losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest for the full schedule of events.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES

12/3/21 | Time TBD

Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association student performance. Visit www.sfysa.org/calendar for concert times, location and admission information.

WAKE UP STORYTIME WITH WALTER (ONLINE)

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HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING

12/3/21 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join the New Mexico History Museum for a celebratory wreath-making workshop. Wreaths are a classic way to create some holiday trim and can be as traditional or zany as you imagine. Supplies provided. Personalization is encouraged. Free and fun for all ages. Visit www.nmhistorymuseum.org/event.

FINE ART FRIDAYS

12/3/21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities! Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom of the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Visit www.santafekidsmuseum.org.

MOVIE CLUB

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NEW MEXICO DANCE PROJECT PRESENTS ANNA: EVENING PERFORMANCE

12/3/21 & 12/4/21 | 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ANNA is an original work by Scarlett Wynne, artistic director of the New Mexico Dance Project, inspired by the aesthetics of Helen Pashgian. Visit www.sitesantafe.org.

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

12/3/21 | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This spectacular, award-winning full-dome planetarium show takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining, and suitable for audiences 3 and up. Shows are at 8 and 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Learn more at www.nmnaturalhistory.org.

27TH ANNUAL LOS ALAMOS CRECHE SHOW

12/4/21 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Come ring in the Christmas season by viewing nativity displays from around the world. All are welcome and admission is free! Visit www.losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

12/4/21 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A children-only event where kids in kindergarten through sixth grade shop for family and friends from a selection of donated items. Parents are encouraged to enjoy coffee and treats in the parking lot while they wait for their children. \$15 suggested donation at the door, proceeds go to charity. Registration required; visit www.latoth.org.

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES

12/4/21 | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Join us on Saturday mornings for books, songs and finger games for ages 6 months to 2 years. (Outdoors event, masks required) Visit www.santafelibrary.org.

MODEL TRAINS

12/4/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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SCIENCE SATURDAYS

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TWINKLE LIGHT PARADE

12/4/21 | 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

It's time for Albuquerque's most dazzling celebration! This free, family-friendly holiday event brings the sparkle to a mile-long stretch of Central Avenue. This procession in Nob Hill will roll west from Washington Street to Girard Boulevard starting at 5:15 p.m.

LIGHTING LEDOUX

12/4/21 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join friends and neighbors on historic Ledoux Street for this 20-year-old Yuletide Taos tradition. Visitors and locals rub elbows and share in a free, uniquely New Mexican experience that includes activities, libations and strolling past charming farolito lanterns. Visit www.harwoodmuseum.org/event/lighting-ledoux.

LOS ALAMOS HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

12/4/21 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come and enjoy the holiday lights parade on Central Avenue. This year's theme is "TV and Film Holiday." Visit www.losalamosmainstreet.com/winterfest.

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

12/5/21 | All Day

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art. Visit www.newmexicoculture.org.

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

12/5/21 | All Day

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours from sunrise to sunset on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros will be free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails and picnic areas. Learn more at www.nmculture.org.



Artwork by ninth-through 12th-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

12/5/21 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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NATURE PLAYTIME

12/6/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Start the week off by playing outside! Meets every Monday (except holidays) and provides an opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers to come to the nature center and explore the natural world with PEEC's educators. Visit www.pecnature.org.

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

12/6/21 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

As a free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers, Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. It is held online the first Monday of each month. Contact birthtalkla@gmail.com for more information.

STORYTIME AND CRAFT

12/7/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Gingerbread stories and a fun craft at the Southside Library! Visit the Santa Fe Public Library website at www.santafelibrary.org.

OPEN SPACE VIRTUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP

12/7/21 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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WEE WEDNESDAYS

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ESPAÑOLA EARLY RELEASE DAY

12/8/21

Española Public Schools early release for Professional Development Days. Elementary students are released at 12:50 p.m., and secondary students are released at 1:15 PM.

KIDS SING-ALONG QUEEN BEE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

12/8/21 | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

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CHANUKAH ON THE PLAZA!

12/9/21 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Public menorah lighting, with Hebrew school performance, hot chocolate and local entertainment, sponsored by Santa Fe Jewish Center - Chabad. Come out and celebrate Jewish pride in Santa Fe! Visit www.santafejcc.com.

THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

12/9/21 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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ANGEL FIRE RESORT - OPENING DAY

12/10/21 | 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Enjoy a day of skiing and snowboarding at Angel Fire Resort. 80+ Runs, 1 Ski and Ride Terrain Park, 30+ Acres of Gladed Trails, an exciting Tubing Hill and more. Visit www.angelfireresort.com.

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Make a small gift for that important adult in your life! (Recommended for children 9 or older) Visit www.santafelibrary.org.

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SANTA FE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

12/10/21 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Santa Fe Women's Ensemble announces its return to in-person concerts for December 2021 concerts. Seating will be at a reduced capacity, offering an intimate concert setting. Join us at Loretto Chapel for "Melding as One: Our Roots, Our Voices and Our Visions." Visit www.sfwe.org.

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NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER STORYTIME WITH SNAKES

12/11/21 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Listen to a story with snakes and then actually see one! New Mexico Wildlife Center and the library provide a fun event to learn about the nature around us. Visit www.santafelibrary.org.

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SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDENS

COMMUNITY DAY

12/12/21 | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Free admission for NM residents and students. Enjoy the Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill during the height of its beauty for fall equinox. No pets allowed in the garden except service animals. Visit www.santafebotanicalgarden.org.

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PARENTS' DAY OUT

12/12/21 | Two Sessions Available: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Come drop your kids off with us for a few fun-filled hours! (Ages 5 - 12)

NATURE PLAYTIME

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

12/13/21 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The second Monday of each month at the Family Strengths Network, this kinship care group meets via Zoom to discuss the many challenges associated with kinship. Connect with others who are navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild and learn about resources that can help. Registration is required. Learn more at www.lafsn.org.

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CAROLS AND CHORUSES

12/14/21 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Winter Calendar - December

WAKE UP STORYTIME WITH WALTER (ONLINE)

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

12/17/21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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KID'S CRAFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

12/17/21 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Make a small gift for that important adult in your life! (Recommended for children 9 or older) Visit www.santafelibrary.org.

MOVIE CLUB

12/17/21 | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

New Vistas is now hosting virtual movie nights every Friday afternoon! Once registered, you will receive a movie link 15 minutes before the movie starts. Play trivia before or after the movie! Register with Kendra Garcia by email at kgarcia@newvistas.org or at (505) 695-3840.

"HOME ALONE" AND HOT CHOCOLATE

12/17/21 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join PEEC for a cozy night featuring a hot chocolate bar and screening of the beloved holiday movie, Home Alone. The hot chocolate bar will open at 6 PM and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. Visit www.peecnature.org.

SANTA FE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

12/17/21 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The Santa Fe Women's Ensemble announces its return to in-person concerts for December 2021 concerts. Seating will be at a reduced capacity, offering an intimate concert setting. Join us at Loretto Chapel for "Melding as One: Our Roots, Our Voices and Our Visions." Visit www.sfwe.org.

VIEW INTO THE COLLECTION

12/18/21 | 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Tune in monthly for a behind-the-scenes sneak peek of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center's Collections with host and Curator of Collections Amy G. Johnson (Isleta). Visit www.indianpueblo.org.

WINTER BREAK

12/18/21 - 1/3/22

School and administrative offices closed for Española, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Public Schools. In-service day for Los Alamos teachers Jan. 3 and 4, and no school those days. In-service day for Española and Santa Fe teachers Jan. 3, and no school that day.

MODEL TRAINS

12/18/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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GEORGIA O'KEEFE MUSEUM

12/18/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Come and make a craft with help from our friends at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. Masks required. Visit www.santafelibrary.org.



Artwork by sixth-through eighth-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

12/18/21 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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SANTA FE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

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WINTER SOLSTICE FAROLITO LABYRINTH WALK AND DRUM CIRCLE

12/19/21 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

This is the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest day of the year. Held at the Santa Fe Children's Museum, enjoy the Winter Solstice Farolito Labyrinth Walk and drum circle. Call The Labyrinth Resource Group at (575) 749-1249.

NATURE PLAYTIME

12/20/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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STORYTIME AND CRAFT

12/21/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Join the Santa Fe Public Library for some fun winter stories and make a winter craft afterward. Check www.santafelibrary.org.

OPEN SPACE VIRTUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP

12/21/21 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

New Vistas offers a virtual peer support group for 14- to 24-year-olds every Tuesday. Register with Kendra Garcia at kgarcia@newvistas.org or call (505) 695-3840.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

12/22/21 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Winter Calendar - December

WEE WEDNESDAYS

12/22/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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POLAR EXPRESS READING

12/22/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies along with a reading of "The Polar Express" in English and Spanish! Program is free with museum admission. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING

12/22/21 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join the New Mexico History Museum for a celebratory wreath making workshop. Wreaths are a classic way to create some holiday trim and can be as traditional or zany as you imagine. Supplies provided. Personalization is encouraged. Free and fun for all ages. Visit www.nmhistorymuseum.org/event.

CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

12/22/21 | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Learn the art of chess and play chess with other kids. Santa Fe Public Library offers this program online! Learn more at www.santafelibrary.org.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

12/23/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

12/23/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

STORY TIME AND CRAFT WITH WALTER

12/23/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12/23/21 | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

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WAKE UP STORYTIME WITH WALTER (ONLINE)

12/24/21 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

12/24/21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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MOVIE CLUB

12/24/21 | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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CHRISTMAS EVE FAROLITO WALK

12/24/21 | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Tentative)

One of Santa Fe's most beloved holiday traditions, the Canyon Road Farolito Walk, lights up the hearts and souls of thousands who stroll the iconic road on Christmas Eve. Known for world class galleries, Canyon Road transforms itself into a work of art during this annual celebration unique to Santa Fe. Thousands of farolitos cast a glow on the gardens, courtyards and adobe walls of the century-old buildings lining the road. Please confirm the event status by emailing canyonroadmerchants01@gmail.com.

MODEL TRAINS

12/25/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Member of the Santa Fe Model Railroad Club host activities and do demonstrations with the train sets at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Free with admission. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

12/25/21 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Come say hello to beloved corn snake Cornelius and watch him eat his weekly dinner at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Please be aware that Cornelius will not be able to come out when he is shedding or not feeling well. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

12/25/21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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NATURE PLAYTIME

12/27/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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OPEN SPACE VIRTUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP

12/28/21 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

12/29/21 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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WEE WEDNESDAYS

12/29/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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CHILDREN'S CHESS CLUB

12/29/21 | 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Learn the art of chess and play chess with other kids. Santa Fe Public Library offers this program online! Learn more at www.santafelibrary.org.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

12/30/21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

12/30/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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STORY TIME AND CRAFT WITH WALTER

12/30/21 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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12/30/21 | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

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THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

12/31/21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Winter Calendar - January

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A CITY DIFFERENT NEW YEAR'S EVE ON THE SANTA FE PLAZA

12/31/21 | 5:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Ring in the New Year together in City Different Round up your family, friends and visitors to welcome the New Year to Santa Fe. Be part of the fun as The City Different says adios to 2021 at the sixth annual free New Year's Eve celebration on the Santa Fe Plaza.

January

MODEL TRAINS

1/1/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Member of the Santa Fe Model Railroad Club host activities and do demonstrations with the train sets at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Free with admission. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

1/1/22 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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SCIENCE SATURDAYS

1/1/22 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

1/2/22 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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AUDITIONS - SANTA FE YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

1/2/22 - 1/3/22 | TBD

Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association is holding its auditions over two days. Learn more at www.sfysa.org/calendar.

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

1/2/22 | All Day

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours from sunrise to sunset on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros will be free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas. Learn more at www.nmculture.org.

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

1/2/22 | All Day

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art. www.newmexicoculture.org

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY CAMPS

1/3/22 | 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

School closure day camps will be offered by Genoveva Chavez Community Center on designated days when the public schools are closed. Day Camps are for children 6-12 years of age. Visit www.chavezcenter.com/after_school_programs.

NATURE PLAYTIME

1/3/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Start the week off by playing outside! Meets every Monday (except holidays) and provides an opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers to come to the nature center and explore the natural world with PEEC's educators. Visit www.pecnature.org.

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

1/3/22 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

As a free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers, Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. It is held online the first Monday of each month. Contact birthtalkla@gmail.com for more information.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

1/5/22 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Every Wednesday, bird expert Robert Walker will be in the Observation Room to talk about birds at the Los Alamos Nature Center. Bring your questions, and enjoy the view! Visit www.pecnature.org.

WEE WEDNESDAYS

1/5/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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TODDLER TUNES

1/5/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

On First Wednesdays, children and parents sing and dance together, while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Visit www.lafsn.org.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1/6/22 | 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Outdoor musical fun for ages 0-6 and their caregivers! Music and Movement is great for brain and body development. We use songs, scarves, bells, rhythm sticks and more to count, clap, sing, jump and wiggle together. Visit www.losalamoslibrary.org for more information.

ESPAÑOLA CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

1/6/22 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

1/6/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

THURSDAYS ARE YOURS

1/6/22 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

1/7/22 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities! Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom of the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Visit www.santafechildrensmuseum.org.

FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

1/7/22 | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This spectacular, award-winning full-dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining, and suitable for audiences 3 and up. Shows are at 8 and 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Learn more at www.nmnaturalhistory.org.



Artwork by ninth-through 12th-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

Winter Calendar - January



Artwork by third-through fifth-graders submitted by Santa Fe Public Schools' Art Education Department.

VIEW INTO THE COLLECTION

1/8/22 | 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

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VISITOR TOUR - SANTA FE WALDORF SCHOOL

1/8/22 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Learn more about Santa Fe Waldorf School during its Visitor Tour. RSVP to kpavuk@santafewaldorf.org.

MODEL TRAINS

1/8/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

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NATURE PLAYTIME

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

1/10/22 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The second Monday of each month at the Family Strengths Network, this kinship care group meets via Zoom to discuss the many challenges associated with kinship. Connect with others who are navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild and learn about resources that can help. Registration is required. Learn more at www.lafsn.org.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

1/12/22 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

1/14/22 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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SEA TURTLE AWARENESS DAY

1/15/22 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

This fun-filled day of activities, art and films will include hands-on stations throughout the aquarium. Discover fun facts and make a children's sea turtle craft. Included with admission. For more information, contact ABQ BioPark Education at biopark@cabq.gov.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

1/17/22 | All Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Winter Calendar - January

NATURE PLAYTIME

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TODDLER CRAFT TIME

1/19/22 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Family Strength Network holds a monthly toddler crafts workshop. It includes hands-on activities which are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids alike. Learn more at www.lafsn.org or call (505) 662-4515.

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WORLD PENGUIN DAY

1/20/22 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

On World Penguin Day, visitors will learn about these three species as well as the other 14 penguin species. Through hands-on discovery stations, they will investigate the threats facing wild penguins and learn about what they can do to help. Included with regular admission. For more information, contact BioPark Education at biopark@cabq.gov.

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1/21/22 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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QUINCENERA FAMILY RETREATS

1/22/22 | 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM

The Offices of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry will soon offer family Quinceanera retreats via the Zoom platform. Space is limited, and the registration deadline is Jan. 12. Register by calling Della at 505-831-8142 or emailing dmontano@archdiosf.org.

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TODDLER TUNES

2/2/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

1st Wednesdays, children and parents sing and dance together, while Lauren Marcus shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Visit www.lafsn.org.

ESPAÑOLA EARLY RELEASE DAY

2/2/22 | 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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FINE ART FRIDAYS

2/4/22 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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FIRST FRIDAY FRACTALS

2/4/22 | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This spectacular, award-winning full-dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature and zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining, and suitable for audiences 3 and up. Shows are at 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM on the first Friday of each month. Learn more at www.nmnaturalhistory.org.

MODEL TRAINS

2/5/22 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

2/6/22 | All Day

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art. www.newmexicoculture.org

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY

2/6/22 | All Day

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours from sunrise to sunset on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros will be free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas. Learn more at www.nmculture.org.

THE RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

2/6/22 | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The Lion Dance performance is by the Quang Minh Buddhist Temple Youth Group of Albuquerque, a non-profit lion dance troupe. Join Museum of International Folk Art at Museum Hill for an energy filled performance and experience the history and tradition. Free admission to the museum. www.newmexicoculture.org

NATURE PLAYTIME

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BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

2/7/22 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

As a free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers, Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. It is held online the first Monday of each month. Contact birthtalkla@gmail.com for more information.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

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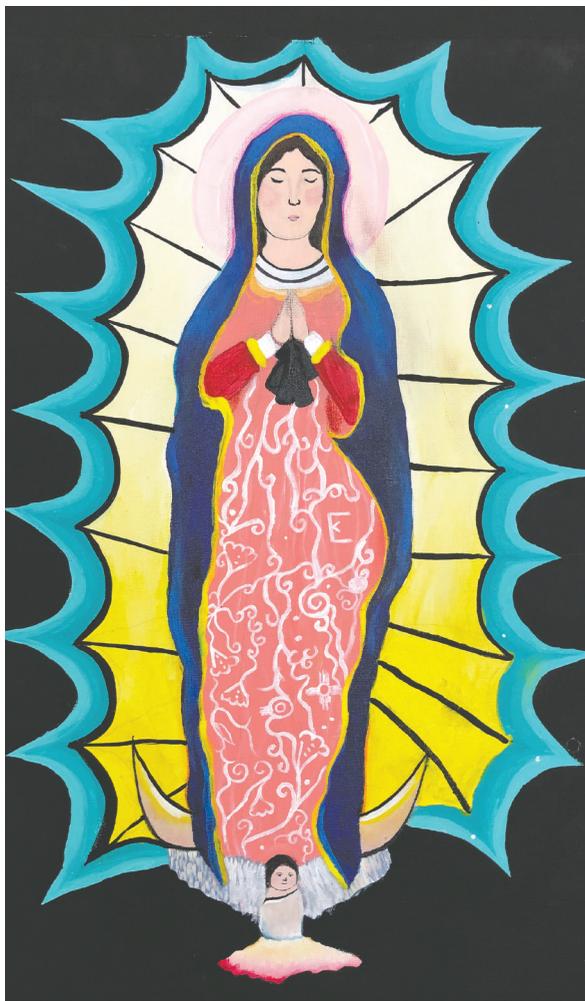
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FINE ART FRIDAYS

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

2/14/22 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The second Monday of each month at the Family Strengths Network, this kinship care group meets via Zoom to discuss the many challenges associated with kinship. Connect with others who are navigating the challenges of raising a grandchild and learn about resources that can help. Registration is required. Learn more at www.lafsn.org.

NATURE UP CLOSE: BIRDS

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TODDLER CRAFT TIME

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Family Strength Network holds a monthly toddler crafts workshop. It includes hands-on activities which are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids alike. Learn more at www.lafsn.org or call (505) 662-4515.

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2/17/22 | All Day

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GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

2/18/22 | 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Grab your binoculars and head to the Botanic Garden for the nationwide Great Backyard Bird Count. No pre-registration is required for this event, but volunteers must meet tour guides in front of the Botanic Garden at 8:00 AM. For more information, contact: ABQ BioPark Education, biopark@cabq.gov.

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