



# Blue Sky Adventures

"We Specialize in Scout Travel"

## HIGH ADVENTURE ITINERARY

New Mexico

### Day 1, 2010

- Mid morning rendezvous with your Blue Sky Adventures professional tour guide at the Albuquerque International airport. We will be waiting for you when you walk off the plane and on your way within 45 minutes of arrival with your custom Blue Sky Adventures Nalgene water bottle in hand and filled with chilled water!
- Your tour guide will be with you all day to make sure everything is fun and happens as it is supposed to and will bring New Mexico "alive" with stories of local legends, history and culture. Your tour guide is the difference maker on a Blue Sky tour compared to anything you can do yourself or any other tour you have been on!
- Lunch at Blake's Lotta' Burger, a tasty New Mexico tradition. Try the green Chile cheeseburger—it's a local favorite!
- A visit to the National Atomic Museum. Learn about the Manhattan Project and see replicas of the bombs that ended World War II. See the plane that dropped the bomb and climb into the control tower of the first nuclear submarine. This is a cool place for sure!!
- A visit to historic Old Town Albuquerque, established in 1706 and the heart of the



Wild West in its day. See Native American artists at work, walk through the historic Plaza which has been under the rule of 5 different countries and poke around in the local stores and historic and cultural sites. This is a real taste of the Southwest!

- Time for a break with snacks and cold drinks for all!
- Here is the high light of your day and of your trip—A breath taking ride on the worlds longest aerial cable car to the 11,000 foot summit of Sandia Peak
- At the summit of Sandia Peak, we will hike about a mile along the mountain ridge to the "Stone Hut" built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. This is a fantastic hike with unparalleled vistas of the Rio Grande Valley and it provides a great way to quickly acclimate to the affects of higher elevations. What a great way to help get ready for the rigors of your Philmont trek!



- Check in to the beautiful Marriott Pyramid hotel in Albuquerque (indoor/outdoor pool, two hot tubs, gift shop, computer center, fitness center, game room, ping pong, basketball, and board games) where the fun doesn't stop!
- Dinner is good food and lots of it! An "all you can eat" buffet with a Southwest theme!
- Spend the evening pool side, in the exercise room, in the game room, in the computer room or play board games, ping pong or basketball with your crew members and other Scouts from all over the country---this is some Scout trip!



## Day 2, 2010

- Hot, delicious, all you can eat, full breakfast buffet at hotel-waffles, eggs, sausage, bacon, Danish, fresh fruit and more!
- Rendezvous with your tour guide at the hotel. Your tour guide will again be with you all day and will give you an in depth look at the history, culture, wonders and beauty of New Mexico.



- Experience Bandelier National Monument as you hike thru Indian ruins and climb into cliff dwellings in mystical Frijoles canyon. Climb into ancient cliff dwellings and 140' up the canyon wall to the Ceremonial Cave; see Indian petroglyphs, pictographs and the Bat Cave

- Box lunch at scenic Bandelier. We eat by Frijoles creek under the shady cottonwoods.
- Hold on tight for whitewater rafting on the "Racecourse" section of the Rio Grande River! Conditions permitting, scouts will raft in one and two man rubber "fun yaks"



- After rafting it's time for snacks and cold drinks for all!
- Dinner at an all you can eat American buffet!
- Return to hotel in Albuquerque where the fun doesn't stop

- Spend the evening pool side or in the fitness center, computer center, game room or play board games, ping pong or basketball with your crew members and other Scouts from all over the country---this is some Scout trip!

## Day 3, 2010

- Hot, all you can eat, full breakfast buffet at hotel!
- Review your homebound departure day pick up procedures and get your Blue Sky Adventures "give-a-ways and tips" to make your trek even better
- 6:30am departure on the Blue Sky express shuttle with arrival at Philmont by 10:00am

## Departure Day 2010

- 7:30am pick up at Philmont and transport to Albuquerque International airport on the Blue Sky express shuttle
- Bag lunch at the airport- it is a *very* tasty sandwich that you don't have to mix with water!



Note—the full day one itinerary is based on arrival in Albuquerque by 10:30am. The itinerary will be adjusted for later arrivals as follows

- Arrivals between 10:30am and 12:30pm—Lunch then your choice of a visit to the Atomic Museum or Old Town then the Sandia Tram and Stone Hut hike. Time does not allow for both Atomic and Old Town.
- Arrivals between 12:30pm and 1:30pm---Eat lunch before you arrive during your layover. Upon arrival, a visit to Old Town then the Sandia Tram and Stone Hut hike
- Arrivals after 1:30pm-- Eat lunch before you arrive during your layover. Upon arrival we will only have time for the Sandia Tram and Stone Hut hike