

## ARARA 2008 Conference Field Trips: General Information and Instructions

Greetings from Terry Moody (Colorado Springs) and Gary Hein (Santa Fe), field trip coordinators for the 2008 ARARA Conference. Thanks go out to Jim Copeland with the Farmington BLM Office for organizing most of the field trips and providing the descriptions below, as well as to Jane Kolber for offering a special field trip to Chaco Culture National Historic Park. Appreciation is also extended to the Northwest New Mexico Site Stewards for participation as trip leaders, as well as many others for offering to share sites they have been involved with documenting or monitoring for a number of years.

Archaeological sites are fragile resources; therefore, field trip capacity will be limited to 15 to 20 participants. Field trips are offered on Friday, May 23, and Monday, May 26. Fourteen field trips have been organized with 257 participant slots available. Most, but not all, of the sites are at ground level in the bottom of canyons and require little or no climbing to access. Roads are maintained dirt oilfield roads—4-wheel-drive is not absolutely required to get around, but is strongly recommended. A good high-clearance vehicle such as a 2-wheel-drive truck or other SUV-type vehicle will work. With the exception of the Chaco and B-Square Ranch field trips, cars are not really a viable option. The road to Chaco Culture National Historical Park is a maintained county road that can become difficult to travel during inclement weather.

Review the Field Trip Offerings listed below. Detailed information is included in this information packet and posted at [www.arara.org](http://www.arara.org). The Field Trip Registration Form is included in this information packet, and an E-Mail Friendly version of this application with instructions for filing is posted on [www.arara.org](http://www.arara.org). Follow the instructions on the forms to register for field trips via e-mail or by mailing the paper form. Field Trip registration must be **received** by **May 12**, which is the Conference pre-registration deadline. After the selection process is completed, applications received after May 12 will be assigned to any remaining field trip spaces on a space-available basis. If you wish to receive trip confirmation, follow instructions at the bottom of the form.

### **To register for field trips, please keep the following in mind:**

Groups (family and/or friends) submit one registration form only. Groups wishing to be on the same field trip should coordinate with a lead person who will submit a group registration. The lead person of the group (the one who submits the group registration) **only** will receive confirmation of the field trip assignment, and will in turn inform all members of the group. Be sure to list your trips in preference order.

Trip #	Participants	Friday, May 23 Trips	Time
1	15	Jesus and Delgadito Canyon	All Day
2	15	Bi Yaazh and Four Yé'ii	All Day
3	20	Crow Canyon (National Register District)	All Day
4	20	Largo and Cibola Canyon	All Day
5	20	Encierro Canyon and Carrizo Canyon	All Day
6	20	B-Square Ranch	Half Day
7	20	B-Square Ranch	Half Day
8	12	Chaco Culture National Historical Park	All Day
9	20	Gobernador, San Rafael, and Four Mile Canyon Areas	All Day
162		Total Trip Slots	
Trip #	Participants	Monday, May 26 Trips	Time
10	15	Jesus and Delgadito Canyon	All Day
11	20	Crow Canyon (National Register District)	All Day
12	20	Largo and Cibola Canyon	All Day
13	20	Encierro Canyon and Carrizo Canyon	All Day
14	20	Gobernador, San Rafael, and Four Mile Canyon Areas	All Day
95		Total Trip Slots	

### **Other pertinent information regarding the field trips:**

1. **PLEASE NOTE** that ARARA holds no responsibility or liability for those participating in conference field trips. **Attendance at a pre-trip orientation meeting is required by all field trip participants**, where a completed liability waiver and medical consent form will be turned in. Each trip roster will be finalized upon completion of waiver and consent forms by participants. **Pre-Trip Meeting is Thursday evening, May 22, for Friday Field Trips.** Pre-trip meeting for Monday field trips will be announced at the conference.

2. Four-wheel-drive vehicles may be required, and car-pooling is recommended.

3. Many of the field trips may involve hiking, minimal to strenuous, through rough terrain with substantial brush where one may encounter creatures such as rattlesnakes, so be sure to pack appropriate footwear, hiking clothes with a jacket for that sudden rainstorm, a hat, and sunscreen. Don't forget your camera. **Participants are responsible for bringing along plenty of water** to ensure healthy hydration.

4. Box lunches will not be coordinated by ARARA—plan to provide your own lunch, snacks, and drinks.

**Last but not least:** if your plans change and you cannot attend your confirmed field trip, inform Gary Hein via e-mail ([glhein@comcast.net](mailto:glhein@comcast.net)) or phone no later than **May 20**. If a last-minute cancellation of your trip occurs, please call Terry Moody (cell: 719-648-9174) or Gary Hein (cell: 505-699-2885).

# Field Trips for the ARARA 2008 Annual Meeting

**Farmington, New Mexico • May 22 – 26, 2008**

Field Trips will take place on Friday, May 23, and Monday, May 26

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 12. YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE BEFORE YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A FIELD TRIP.**

Complete this form for each individual or individuals wishing to participate jointly or in a group (limited to four individuals). Provide names of all individuals to be registered as a group. List one person as a group contact. If assignment of a group to a field trip results in a total exceeding the number of available spaces, the group will be assigned to the next available space on its preference list.

No.	Name	No.	Name
1		3	
2		4	

Please provide contact information below. The person listed as the contact *will receive all communication* regarding the Field Trip assignments, and, if serving as the Group Contact, will accept the responsibility to inform all individuals in the group of the Field Trip assignment(s).

Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Trip Selections:** List the selection of field trips in order of preference. A random selection process will be used to insure that all applicants have an equal chance for field trip assignments based on their lists of preferences. Second and later choices will be used only in the event that spaces are filled on the applicant's first-choice selection.

Pref	Day	Trip No.	Trip Name	Pref.	Day	Trip No.	Trip Name
1				4			
2				5			
3				6			

To ensure equal opportunity that all members registered for the field trip selection receive one of the field trips listed as a preference, **applications must be received by the May 12, 2008, deadline.** After the selection process is completed, applications received after May 12 will be assigned to any remaining field trip spaces on a space-available basis.

Application may be made by regular mail using this form, or by e-mail. An **E-mail Friendly version of the application** with instructions for filing by e-mail is posted on the ARARA web site. **Subject line for e-mailed applications must be "ARARA FIELD TRIP."**

**Send e-mail applications to: ARARA\_Field\_Trips@mac.com Return paper forms to:**

**Gary Hein**

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**Santa Fe, NM 87508-8282**

**If you wish to receive trip confirmation, include a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope with your registration submission or, if e-mailed, a reply-to address.** Confirmation will be mailed or sent by e-mail by **May 17, 2008**, and will be posted on the ARARA web site.

*Please sign the following statement (Group Contact will sign for all individuals listed above):*

I understand that ARARA-sponsored conferences, activities, and field trips are organized for the benefit of members and registered guests, and that participation is voluntary. I agree on my behalf and on behalf of family or group members registered with this form to hold ARARA, trip leaders, and property holders harmless in the event of an accident.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_