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## **Light, Culture to Illuminate Jemez Springs, NM at Memorable 'Light Among the Ruins' Event, Dec. 9**

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The Village of Jemez Springs will meld beloved holiday traditions with cultural traditions from Jemez Pueblo during the memorable “Light Among the Ruins” event on Saturday, Dec. 9.

From 5-9 p.m., the historic ruins of the 17th century San José de los Jemez Mission of Giusewa Pueblo (Jemez Historic Site) will be lit by nearly 1,500 farolitos (paper bags lit by candles), as Jemez Pueblo dancers perform and play traditional Native American flute music throughout the evening. An arts and crafts area as well as food vendors will be available at the Site.

The Public Academy for Performing Arts will perform beloved Christmas songs at the Fitzgerald Center across from the Site, at no charge. The performance takes place from 3–4:30 p.m.

Then at the Jemez Valley Community Park, just one mile south from the Site on NM-4, visitors can enjoy traditional holiday music, start their Christmas shopping at numerous arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, and get complimentary shuttle service to and from the Site from 3–9 p.m. The Jemez Valley High School band will perform holiday favorites intermittently from 5–7 p.m. at the park. The “Jemez Mountains Electric Co-op’s Warm Up Tent” will be equipped with heaters for visitors to warm up while enjoying nostalgic Christmas tunes.

In the interest of safety, visitors are asked not to park along NM-4. Complimentary transportation to and from the Site will be provided with pick up and drop off at the Jemez Valley Community Park. Parking attendants will direct visitors to spots. Once parking at the Jemez Valley Community Park is filled, overflow parking will be available at the Jemez Valley Credit Union parking lot, followed by the Madonna Center and Jemez Plaza. Shuttle stops will be made at Jemez Springs Plaza along the route. Parking at the Site is available for handicapped guests only.

New this year, the Village will sell a limited 1,000 “Let Your Light Shine” glow in the dark bracelets sponsored and provided by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Bracelets will provide perks including biscochitos and hot cocoa (available only at the Community Park), flashlight keychains, dedicated line for shuttle service, and January “Spring up to Jemez Springs” discount punch card. Bracelets are only \$2 for adults and teens, 13 and older. Bracelets are only available for purchase at the Jemez Community Park starting at 3 p.m. until they run out.

Revenue from the sale of bracelets will go directly into the coffers for next year's event. The Site will also be selling items ranging from stickers to trail guides.

Entry into Jemez Historic Site will be waived during the event, and parking at Jemez Valley Community Park and designated overflow areas are free.

Last year's event brought more than 3,200 visitors - the largest attendance in the event's history. The Jemez Springs Community Park is located adjacent to the Jemez Valley Credit Union on the west side of NM-4. Jemez Historic Site is located at 18160 NM-4.

For updates on Light Among the Ruins including directions, visit Facebook/Villageof-JemezSprings, email [prdirector@jemezsprings.org](mailto:prdirector@jemezsprings.org), or call 575-829-3540 in Jemez or the Site at 575-829-3530.

More information about Jemez Springs is available at [www.jemezsprings.org](http://www.jemezsprings.org). Information about the Jemez Historic Site is available at <http://nmhistoricsites.org/jemez>.

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