

Welcome to

FENNBOREE!

2014

This hand-out contains information you will probably want to know about Fennboree 2014. Information contained in this document includes:

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- 1) HOW TO GET TO FENNBOREE 2014

Step #1: From Española, New Mexico, take Highway 84 North towards Abiquiú and Chama. Half a mile after Mile Marker 227, there are two signs: "Forest Road 151," and "Monastery 13 miles." Turn left. As of April 24, 2014, the Forest Road 151 sign was in poor shape, but the Monastery sign is still good.

Step #1 From Chama, New Mexico: take Highway 84 South towards Abiquiú and Española. You will pass the Echo Amphitheater on your right. Look for Mile Marker 228 on your right. After Mile Marker 228, there are two signs: "Forest Road 151," and "Monastery 13 miles." Turn right.

Step #2: On Road 151, continue west 8 miles until you come to Skull Bridge on the left; there are mile markers along the way, on the right. A sign before the bridge, on the right, reads "Gallina Canyon Ranch 8 Miles."

Step #3: At the bridge you will find a locked gate: the number for the combination lock is <SEE EMAIL>: if you forget that number, you will not be able to open the gate and cross the bridge! Dial that number into the lock, then **press the lock closed a bit**, and the lock will spring open.

Step #4: Drive across the bridge, close and lock it again, and change the numbers. Continue down the road 7 miles (not 8) and you will arrive at Gallina Canyon Ranch. Allow about one hour from Highway 84 to the ranch.

I will greet you on the road at the ranch, hand to you a map, and give to you one of the wonderful Fennboree 2014 necklaces that an attendee was very kind and generous to make for everyone. Wild Turkey Group Camp Ground is 1 mile past the main ranch house, and you will find pink flags placed along the road, on your right, that show the way to the camp site.

I will monitor email constantly on Day One (May 16th), at desertphile@fennboree.org in case you have problems getting here (and you have access to internet via a mobile device).

After one mile past the main ranch house, there is a right turn on the road to make to get to the Fennboree camp site. There is a sign there that tells people to turn right. People camping at Wild Turkey will then wish to make a left turn about 100 feet later.

There are places to park cars, and also a main car area for people to unload their gear, then move their cars to parking areas.

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2) WHAT YOU WILL WANT TO BRING WITH YOU

*** IF YOU ARE ON MEDICATION, BE SURE TO BRING IT / THEM ***

A1) My favorite item when camping: **FOOD!** You will want to bring enough food and drink for the entire Fennboree time period, since the nearest store is several hours away. There are two Community Kitchens at the camp site, and each has fresh water (great for drinking, too!), a kitchen sink, pots and pans, propane stove, and various cooking supplies.

A2) If you want to join the Saturday May 17th Pot-Luck Lunch, bring something to share. There will be a large pot of Spaghetti and red sauce (no meat), and a few loaves of French bread, and some salted butter. If you want to join the pot luck lunch (please do!), maybe bring something that goes with pasta.

B) You might wish to bring a camp stove if you have one, in case the two community stoves are in use. Camp chairs are also good to have, though the camp site has cut logs for people to sit on.

C) Dinner plates, knives, forks, spoons, coffee cups, salt, pepper, cooking oil, butter, sugar.

D) Toilet paper is provided by the Fennboree hosts. There are two "out houses," and you will find paper at both. Each out house offers a wonderful view of the canyon, and even reading material! But you might also wish to bring your own toilet paper.

E) You will want to have with you at least one water bottle. Dehydration can sneak up on people, and you might also wish to go hiking.

F) Sun screen. The camp site is at 6,510 feet elevation and the sun can be fierce.

G) Warm clothing for the evening and night. The following table is the historical high and low temperatures for the same time frame as Fennboree 2014:

Year	High	Low
2009	80	46
2010	73	46
2011	71	44
2012	77	50
2013	77	51

H) Bring a tent if you have one, though in the past five years only a tiny bit of rain fell in year 2009, between May 16th and May 18th. People might enjoy sleeping without a tent, but one never knows if rain will fall.

I) A sleeping bag, and/or blankets will be necessary to bring, since the nights will be cool. An air mattress is good to have also, though the ground is covered in pine needles and twigs and not a major discomfort.

J) Sturdy shoes is a plus. Also you will want to wear pants (long legs, not shorts). You will also want a sweater or jacket, spare socks, and a hat.

K) If you are bringing dog(s), please also bring a leash for each one.

L) Kitchen matches are good to bring also, in case the community kitchen runs out.

M) Flash light. Both out houses have solar-powered lamps marking where they are, but you will want to bring a light for making night deposits.

N) Bath towel. The east shower has hot water! The west shower has liquid nitrogen! (Well, not really: it's cold spring water).

O) Marshmallows to toast over a fire. Fires are only allowed in the three "fire bowls" provided.

P) Drums; guitars; bag pipes; pianos; musical instruments. Don't be shy.

Q) Cameras. Please ask people before you take their image.

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3) WHAT YOU MUST NOT BRING WITH YOU

A) Leave your guns at home. (This item will baffle non-Americans, except Canadians.)

B) Contraband drugs.

C) Electronic noise makers.

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4) WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN YOU ARE HERE

A) The Golden Fenn Shrine will be on display during the entire Fennboree. Consecrated holy offerings suitable for the usual Vietnam-era Air Force fighter pilot may be left here: cans of beer; pin-up girls; whiskey; Lucky Strike cigarettes; LOOK Magazine; etc. Leave anything and everything that might please Golden Fenn and perhaps induce Him to shower down upon you treasure-finding inspiration.

B) Never, ever forget that the Faux Fenn Navajo Pawn Treasure is hidden out there, somewhere, waiting for someone to find. It's within a mile of the camp site. The clue poem will be your guide!

C) Pot-luck lunch on Saturday: pasta with red sauce, no meat. Bring something to share.

D) The Fennboree poker game! The Cone of Karmic Dispensation ("lie without consequences") will double as a poker table. Poker chips and poker cards are already here, waiting for you. Leave your spare change at home: this is a tokens-only game.

E) The canyon has a nearly limitless number of places to hike to. Desertphile (er, me!) will try to make time to act as a guide to one of the ancient Anasazi ruins here in the canyon. The hike will take about three hours, and it is "not for the meek," as Mr. Fenn would say. It's a rough climb, and risky in places.

F) People talking about their treasure-hunting experiences run the risk of being awarded prizes for the least-likely-sounding tale.

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5) THE REQUIRED LIABILITY WAIVER

As noticed on the web site, the hosts of Fennboree require a signed liability waiver from every adult attendee. The waiver has been, and is, available on the Fennboree web site. Copies of the waiver will be handed to everyone when they arrive.

Note that this area is wilderness, with forests and cactus and rocks and gopher holes and tree branches and all other hazards that come with wildernesses. You are 100% responsible for your own health and well-being while here, and for the care of your children if you bring them. The nearest place for medical care is at best two hours away.

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6) THE FAUX FENN TREASURE HUNT CLUE POEM

[1] Begin it where cold waters halt.
[2] Forsake Orion's winter cold, and
[3] Set out towards the House of Bear.
[4] 36.37 is the altitude, not the azimuth.

[5] The six points will stump you
[6] But it won't be for long:
[7] Your effort will be worth the cold [feet].
[8] Visit the home of Little Joe.

[9] Then talk to Adam, or Hoss, or Ben.
[10] Look slowly up.
[11] Tarry scant, just open the chest.
[12] I give you title to the turquoise.

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7) OTHER INFORMATION

A) This document is available for download off the Fennboree.org web site, in several different formats: Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, Kindle, and ASCII. The number to the combination lock has been removed from the downloadable versions, so you need to remember it or write it down: <SEE EMAIL>.

B) There are brown bears in the area, some times. If you ignore them, they will ignore you.