

October Event (A Glimpse of Life on the Reservation)

- Event is designed for high school students but has been expanded to include middle school students. On the school's designated date, their vehicles will drive out to the old visitors center to drop off students for orientation.
- Prior to the event, site staff will give the students a 45 minute presentation on the history of the establishment of Fort Sumner. This will include the history of the establishment of the fort, why it was established, and what the conditions were like. Students will then be briefed on the activities they will participate in during the visit to the site the following week (including what to wear). Students will work in 1 of 3 sub groups at each station (12 max per sub group).
- There will be 5 possible activity stations total. Students will participate in 4 out of the 5 stations. Staff will require 3 hours to perform all activities. If needed, the activities could be performed in 2.5 hours.
- The first station will be adobe brick making (45 mins): each student group will be given two 3 form brick molds, the raw materials to make adobe bricks (clay/sand soil, straw, and water), and tools (buckets, shovels, and hoes) to mix and form the materials. Students will make their own adobe recipe and form their own bricks. After the molds have been cleared, students will clean the molds. The purpose of this exercise is to show the difficulty experienced by Navajo and Mescalero Apache men during the early construction of Fort Sumner. The U.S. Military recruited these men to make bricks in the open fields and were paid \$6 a month (\$122.17 inflated to the year 2019) for their labor.
- The next station will be fire making (45 mins): Students will be given carbon steel, chert, and char-cloth to start fires using traditional methods. The modern self igniting match was created in 1805, which began replacing this type of technology. However, matches were dangerous and very expensive to make until the late 1800s so flint and steel remained. Students will be instructed on how to process tinder bundles and tinder for their fires. The purpose of this activity is understand the difficulty experienced daily, for making fires for food and warmth.
- The next station will be food preparation (45 mins): Students will be given (as a group) the same rations (for one person) as the Navajo and Mescalero Apache and will need to problem solve their way through preparing a meal. This will include coffee bean grinding using a mono and mataté, a sack of cornmeal, a sack of flour, a sack of bacon, some sugar, and a sack of coffee beans. Students will need to gather their own water from the spigot. Cast iron cookware and fire will be provided. Students will be closely supervised by Staff and the Friends of the Bosque Redondo Memorial. The purpose of this activity is to get students to think about basic food that was offered on the reservation and how limited the Native people were in their options to prepare it. As well, the limited amount of food available was to feed each person from anywhere between 1 to 5 days. Students will receive a copy of the "Old West Army Cookbook" if they have not already received one. This book includes recipes used at Fort Sumner by the U.S. Military.
- Another station will be home building (45 mins): Students will be provided with raw building materials such as sticks, branches, leaves, etc. and must build a dwelling (as a group) to understand how limited the Native people were while living on the reservation with regards to dwellings. The size and shape of the dwelling is entirely up to them. Again, Staff and the Friends of the Bosque Redondo Memorial will supervise.
- The last station will be a creative writing exercise (45 mins): students will each be given background information on a character (based upon real people) that would have been present on the reservation (Soldier, Navajo, or Mescalero Apache). For example: "You are a 25 year old Lieutenant from New York, enlisted with Company K of the 1st California Infantry. You are in charge of marching 275 Navajo to Bosque Redondo Reservation from Fort Defiance (nearly 500 miles from the reservation). You begin your journey in November 1863." Or "You are a 7-year-old Mescalero Apache boy at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You lost your parents during one of the marches to the reservation." Students will write about their life experience from the point of view of their assigned character to put students in the mindset of the captors and prisoners of the reservation.

Logistics for the Event Supplied by BRM

Adobe Brick Making Activity: Activity will take place east of the food preparation activity

- At least 1 volunteer to supervise at each sub-group
- 3 red water/feed troughs
- 6 five-gallon buckets
- 3 shovels
- 3 hoes
- 6 brick molds
- straw pile (1 bale of straw)
- dirt pile

Food Preparation Activity: Activity will take place north of the gravel parking lot east of the Old Visitors Center

- At least 1 volunteer at each sub-group to assist with fire and supervision
- Wood pile for fire (from brush pile or donated wood)
- Cast iron cookware for 3 groups (3 cooking pots and 3 skillets)
 - Cooking utensils (3 metal spatulas)
- 3 campfire coffee pots
- Tinware from Mary Ann
- 3 pairs of gloves to protect from burns (Bosque supplies welding gloves)
- 1lb of cornmeal or flour for each sub-group (each group will get one pound at random)
- A large sack of coffee beans to be broken up individually (1/4 cup each group)
- 8 ozs. of meat most likely bacon for each sub-group placed in a paper sack
- A sack of sugar (1/4 cup each group)
- 3 buckets for water
- 3 monos/matatés
- Copies of the Old West Army Cookbook
- Fire Extinguishers/water hose
- 12 cinder blocks
- paper bags

Notes: Cookware and utensils will need to be cleaned between group changes. This can be accomplished at the residence

Home Building Activity: Activity will take place in open area, southwest of the Old Visitors Center or near the parade grounds

- At least 1 volunteer to assist with supervision and resupply
- 1 pile of debris will be near to the staging area for students to work with
- 90 cedar stakes will need to be purchased (6 starter poles per sub group) from Cortese Feed
- One 10ft hank of twine per sub group as a substitution for yucca rope

Creative Writing: Activity will take place in the soldiers barracks exhibit.

- At least 1 volunteer to assist with supervision
- 40 clipboards with pencils and one ream of paper

Fire Making Activity: Activity will take place west of the cooking station

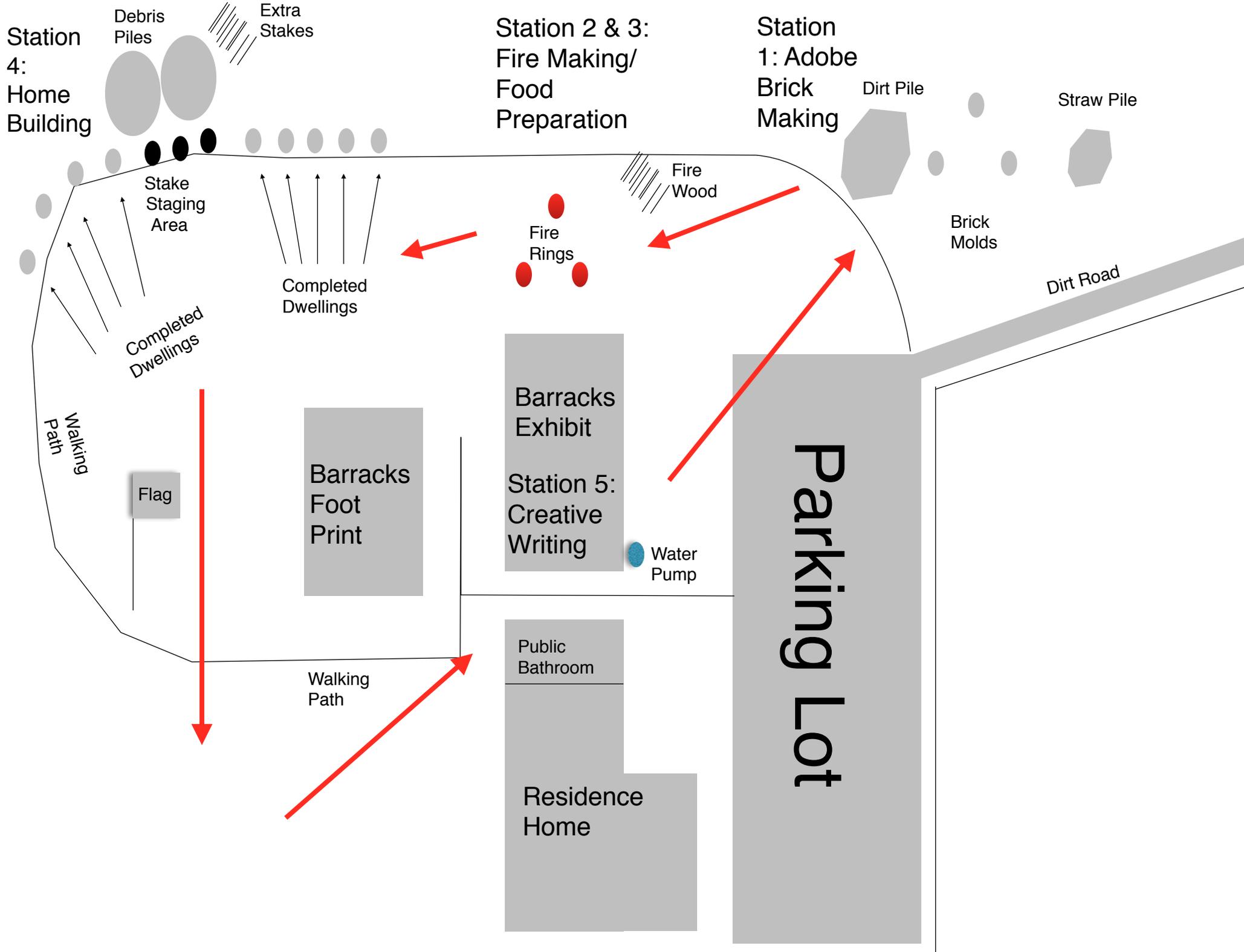
- At least 1 volunteer
- It will require 12 fire steels and flints
- 10 pieces of char cloth per station
- 3 water buckets
- 9 1' lengths of jute twine per rotation (3' per sub-group)
- a large tinder pile for each station (2" or less scraps of wood)
- 9 pairs of gloves

-9 pairs of safety glasses

Student Extra Supplies

-work gloves

-layers of clothing



- You are a 25 year old Lieutenant from New York, enlisted with Company K of the 1st California Infantry. You are in charge of marching 275 Navajo to Bosque Redondo Reservation from Fort Defiance (nearly 500 miles from the reservation). You begin your journey in November 1863.
- You are a 20 year old Private from Indiana, enlisted with Company I of the First California Infantry. During one of the marches to Bosque Redondo Reservation, your superior officer notices that several Navajo are falling behind. He instructs you to shoot them if they fall too far behind.
- You are a 35 year old surgeon from Connecticut, enlisted with 1st New Mexico Cavalry. You are asked to assist wounded Navajo and Mescalero Apache after a Comanche raid.
- You are a 24 year old photographer from Sweden, asked to photograph life at Bosque Redondo Reservation.
- You are a 17 year old girl from a local homestead, who is employed as a laundress for the military.
- You are a 27 year old civilian contractor in charge of delivering goods and food to the reservation. When you arrive at the reservation, a Mescalero Apache Indian Agent approaches you and states that the flour you delivered last was topped off with plaster of paris which caused several Native people to become sick.
- You are a 37 year old Major from Pennsylvania, enlisted with the U.S. 7th Infantry. You are the commanding officer of Fort Sumner.
- You are a 23 year old Lieutenant from Iowa, enlisted with the U.S. 5th Infantry. You are in charge of supervising the Navajo and Mescalero Apache farm developments.
- You are a 29 year old Captain from Maine, enlisted with the U.S. 3rd Cavalry. It is your duty to distribute rations to the Navajo and Mescalero Apache. You have just been informed by your superior officer, that a ration shortage has taken place and there will not be another distribution for five days.
- You are a Sergeant from Illinois, enlisted with Company A of the 5th U.S. Infantry. It is your duty to supervise Navajo and Mescalero Apache men while they make adobe bricks intended for Fort Sumner.

- You are an 87 year old Navajo woman about to march from Fort Defiance (nearly 500 miles from the reservation) to Bosque Redondo Reservation. You begin your journey at the end of August 1865.
- You are a 45 year old Navajo man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. Your family is in need of firewood. You must walk 10 miles away from your home to dig up mesquite root before walking back.
- You are a 21 year old Navajo woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You must go to the fort hospital for treatment of an illness. The medicine you receive is something you and your family have never seen before.
- You are an 11 year old Navajo boy at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You must work in the corn fields from sunrise to sunset.
- You are a 25 year old Navajo woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You just had 50 sheep taken from your family because a local landowner said you stole them.
- You are an 18 year old Navajo man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You are gathering water from acequia madre when suddenly you notice a Comanche raiding party near your home. You do not have any weapons or a horse.
- You are a 24 year old Navajo man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You and your family have just been informed that rations will only be distributed every 5 days.
- You are a 75 year old Navajo woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. Your daughter has become very sick after taking medicine from the fort hospital.
- You are a 30 year old Navajo woman at the Bosque Redondo Reservation, who is a mother of three. During the the chaos of the roundup of your people, you lost your children and have no idea where they are.
- You are a 26 year old Navajo man at the Bosque Redondo Reservation. You are attempting to build a shelter for your family before winter arrives at the reservation.
- You are a 7 year old Mescalero Apache boy at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You lost your parents during one of the marches to the reservation.

- You are a 68 year old Mescalero Apache woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You spend most of your day making rope from yucca fibers.
- You are a 28 year old Mescalero Apache man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. Your home was recently washed away during a flood of the Pecos River.
- You are an 18 year old Mescalero Apache man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. A group of soldiers have tasked you and your father with digging several irrigation ditches.
- You are a 19 year old Mescalero Apache man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You have been accused of stealing livestock from a local rancher.
- You are a 25 year old Mescalero Apache woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You are trying to decide how to prepare the rations you have just received from the U.S. Military (corn meal, salted pork, whole coffee beans, and sugar). Many of these foods you have never seen before.
- You are a 20 year old Mescalero Apache woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You are tanning several pronghorn skins to make new moccasins.
- You are a 19 year old Mescalero Apache man at Bosque Redondo Reservation. You have been sent out on the reservation to hunt for small game to be used for meat and their hides.
- You are an 80 year old Mescalero Apache woman walking to Bosque Redondo Reservation in January of 1863.
- You are a 37 year old Mescalero Apache woman at Bosque Redondo Reservation. One of your children has died from an illness passed from a soldier.