



Grand Circle Association Quarterly Meeting

Mesa Verde Country - Cortez, Colorado

Sunday, March 14

Monday, March 15

RSVP by Email info@grandcircle.org no later than March 8th!

Host Hotel:
Baymont Inn & Suites
2279 Hawkins Street
Cortez, CO 81321
(970) 565-3400

GCA hotel rate is \$69 per room plus 5.14% tax.
Deadline to book group rate is March 8.

Plan for an extended stay to enjoy all Cortez and the surrounding area has to offer! Group rate is available for GCA attendees from Thursday March 12th - Tuesday March 16th

Please call for reservations at (970) 565-3400 and identify yourself as part of the Grand Circle Association.

Website for hotel amenities [Baymont Inn & Suites Website](#)

Other GCA Member Hotels offering special rates:

[Holiday Inn Express](#)

[Retro](#)

Host Member: Kelly Kirkpatrick
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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Date Saturday, March 13

On Your Own:

Reds, Whites, and Brews in Montezuma County

Information is in your welcome bag highlighting all the wineries, breweries, and cideries in Montezuma County! Tour on your own or with friends - Covid precautions are listed on the information sheet.

Our Cultural Heritage: 2000 years of history

Information and location information is in your welcome bag highlighting some of the easy to reach as well as the most well-known sites around Montezuma County.

Hawkins Preserve

Mitchell Springs

Lowry

Hovenweep

½ mile paved hike to Escalante Pueblo

Walking tour of Mancos

Cortez Pipe People Park - be sure to bring your camera and your sense of whimsy at this little-known gem.

#Explore Mesa Verde: want to get outside? Check out these hiking/biking trails:

McPhee Trail Overlook

Sand Canyon

Boggy Draw - Dolores winter biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing

Tours:

Sand Canyon Half Day Tour: Travel the well-defined trail encountering numerous late 13th century pueblos and hear of the history of the people who created them. All tours include information on Ancestral Pueblo culture, the natural environment and archaeology, with messages of Visiting with Respect, and Leave No Trace Ethics. Tips for your guide are gratefully accepted.

Distance: 4-ish miles

Time: 3-4 hours

Price: \$25 per person.

Elevation gain: 325 feet

This tour is limited to 14 people on Saturday, 14 on Sunday. Sign up early. COVID safety guidelines will be followed, and a release form will be required to participate. Sunscreen, appropriate clothing, boots, snacks and water are strongly recommended.

You will be asked to fill out several release forms, [here is the link in advance](#)

[And this form](#)

And finally, the [COVID health questionnaire](#)

Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance is a grassroots organization dedicated to maintaining the conservation Lands in their own back yard in Southwest Colorado. for more information visit

<http://www.swcocanyons.org/tours/>

Your tour Guide: Diane McBride

Associate Director, Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance

Manager, Cultural Site Stewardship Program

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Saturday, March : 5:00pm-7:00pm

Join your hosts in the heart of downtown Cortez at the Colorado Welcome Center, 928 E. Main St. Cortez for an informal Meet and Greet! Pick up your welcome gift (if you haven't already at the hotel), enjoy complimentary light hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Head off for dinner on your own for a fun evening. Top off the evening at one of our restaurants, breweries/cideries, or Moose & More Ice Cream.

Dinner on own to follow

Date Sunday, March 14

Mesa Verde National Park Mini Tour: Sunday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mesa Verde National Park was established in 1906 to preserve and interpret the archaeological heritage of the Ancestral Pueblo people, who made it their home for over 700 years. This tour will interpret some key sites within the park, in the timeline from 600 BC to 1300 AD

Distance: some walking, no ladders or climbing

time: 2-3 hours

Price: Free entrance to the park - free tour

MAX CAPACITY: The group transportation will seat 13. If we get more than 20 registered, those last registered can follow in your car and still participate. Colorado COVID safety guidelines will be followed.

Board Meeting: 3:00 – 6:00pm Baymont Inn Breakfast Room

Dinner and Educational Session:

Blondies Trophy Room, 45 E. Main

6:30 - 9:00pm

Doors open at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm, full cash bar available

Inclusive cost \$25 per person includes: choice of 3 menu items

We can carpool from the Baymont

Monday, March 15

Breakfast (8:00-9:00) & Membership Meeting (8:00-12:00)

Baymont Breakfast room

Membership meeting starts with introductions and reports of what's happening in tourism in our areas, while we eat breakfast. After introductions, we proceed with business on the agenda.



**Please email your RSVP to Laurie Frantz no later than March 8th!
to info@grandcircle.org
If you have questions, please contact Laurie at 505-557-7839**

Grand Circle Association – Meeting & Activities RSVP Form

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

Please indicate the meetings and events you will be attending

Yes, I will attend the Board meeting on Sunday, March 14.

(please indicate the number of people for each item)

- Yes, I will attend the Informal Meet and Greet Saturday, March 13 #: ____
- Yes I will attend the MVNP mini tour # ____
 - I will drive separately but still participate # ____
- Yes I will attend the SATURDAY Sand Canyon Half Day Hike # ____
- Yes I will attend the SUNDAY Sand Canyon Half Day Hike # ____
- Yes, I will attend the dinner on Sunday, March 14; Cost is \$25 – CASH*** #: ____
- Yes, I will attend the Membership Meeting on Monday, March 15 # ____

I will bring guests (please list name and organization)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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