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Early Bird Registration Deadline Rapidly Approaching for the 2005 NAAEE Conference

September 12 is the last day to take advantage of discounts for both members and nonmembers registering for the 2005 North American Association for Environmental Education Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is the annual professional event of the premier organization devoted to excellence in environmental education. NAAEE membership provides a supportive community of people who care passionately about improving both education and the environment. Register online today at <http://naaee.org/pages/conferences/index.html>. If you are not already a member, you can join along with your conference registration, and then take advantage of the member discounted rate.

Be sure to include in your registration the field trip or workshop you want to attend, because these sell out early.

Field trips offer opportunities to immerse yourself in the unique heritage and biological diversity of New Mexico. The Sandia Mountains provide a stunning backdrop for the eastern edge of the city and are the site of two of the 13 field trips. For those interested in learning more about the role of the Rio Grande River in the history and development of the city, several field trips offer streamside experiences to see how people or wildlife gain sustenance from the river environment.

Outdoor classrooms are featured in several field trips to observe model environmental education programs--one at Earth Works Institute, another at a series of Albuquerque schools, and a third at a cooperative farm. Cultural excursions focus on the lifestyles of those who lived in earlier times, in places like Casa San Ysidro and the Acoma Pueblo. Some people would argue that the sights and sounds of the Southwest aren't complete without a trip to the Santa Fe Plaza for a tour of art galleries and restaurants.

Regardless of the type of experience that captures your attention, now is the time to lock in your reservation and make plans for a fun day exploring the treasures of the Southwest. Don't forget to bring your camera! NAAEE would like your photos for future issues of the NAAEE *Communicator* newsletter and to use on the Web site, to show the people who can't attend what they missed! More information on how to submit your photos will be available at the conference.

Albuquerque is a city of about 600,000 people and is centrally located in New Mexico along the banks of the Rio Grande. A gateway to the rich and diverse cultures of the American Southwest, it is home to numerous historical, cultural, and ecological places of importance. At an altitude of over 5,000 ft and at the junction of Interstates 25 and 40, Albuquerque is uniquely situated to host visitors wishing to explore the dynamic cultural and natural treasures of New Mexico.