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Jemez Springs, NM Named in USA Today Top 10 ‘Small Towns for Christmas’ List

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The retreat village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico – less than 60 miles east of Albuquerque – has been listed as one of America’s top 10 “small towns that go all out for Christmas” in USA Today.

The nod comes on the heels of the popular “Light Among the Ruins” event on Dec. 12 in Jemez Springs, mentioned in the article. Each year, Light Among the Ruins features between 1,000 to 1,500 farolitos along the perimeter of the Jemez Historic Site. Visitors can experience pueblo culture while also enjoying the Christmas spirit in the village square, complete with horsedrawn wagon, tree lighting ceremony, carolers, arts and crafts, appearance by Santa, and a performance by the Public Academy for Performing Arts choir and orchestra.

Jemez Springs is known for its authentic culture and history as well as its hot springs, both commercial and primitive, whose warm healing waters are especially attractive in winter. Jemez Springs will celebrate their “Cabin Fever Festival” on Feb. 27, formerly known as the Fire and Ice Festival. The event includes a chile cook off, pie making contest, professional chainsaw carvers, silent auction, and much more.

Jemez Springs is accessible via the scenic Jemez Mountain Trail on Highway 4, where visitors can learn about the culture and history of the area at the Walatowa Visitor Center on Jemez Pueblo, and hike around natural wonders including Soda Dam, Battleship Rock and Jemez Historic Site as well as stop in at the village’s art galleries, shops and restaurants.

Other small towns that made USA Today’s exclusive small towns in Christmas list include: Franklin, Tenn.; Hershey, Pa.; Leavensworth, Wash.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Skaneateles, N.Y.; Solvang, Calif.; Stockbridge, Mass.; and Frankenmuth, Mich.

USA Today is the national daily American newspaper, read by more than 4.1 million people. The complete story is available on USA Today’s website at http://experience.usatoday.com/america/story/best-of-lists/2015/12/09/small-towns-christmas-celebrations-santa-claus-indiana/76998034/#experience-comments-container.

For more information about the village of Jemez Springs, visit jemezsprings.org.

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