

Subject Line: New Mexico summer fun kicks off Memorial Day Weekend

As the school year winds down and the weather warms up, families everywhere are busy making their summer travel plans. New Mexico is a popular destination for family vacations and there are two exciting events kicking off on Memorial Day Weekend.

- Starting on May 25, the [Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad](#) will depart daily from Chama, New Mexico and travel along 64 miles of unparalleled views of the San Juan Mountains. The journey begins as the coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive leaves the station and begins the gradual ascent into the mountains. Along the way, the train passes over rocky gorges, rustic townships, abandoned silver mines, alpine meadows and the rushing waters of Wolf Creek. The train also travels over its namesake, Cumbres Pass, which at just over 10,000 feet is the highest mountain pass ever reached by rail in the U.S.

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad runs daily until Oct. 20 and also offers a variety of other riding options and events, including sunset rides, Sunday Express rides, educational rides and even a day out with Thomas the Tank Engine™ for kids. Visit <http://www.cumbrestoltec.com/> for more information.

- Roswell may be famous for its connection with aliens, but this Memorial Day weekend another event will score big – flag football. With teams from all across the region, [Hike It & Spike It](#) is the world's largest flag football tournament.

The four-on-four flag football tournament is played on 39 football fields all around Roswell. Teams compete for thousands of dollars in prize money while also raising money to support the United Way of Chavez County. The wide-open, fast-paced, high scoring game has categories for everyone young and old, male and female. Check out the Hike It & Spike It video here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9_c-kLYv2_8. Visit <http://www.roswellgridiron.com/> for more information.

We hope you will consider these two family-friendly events for your Memorial Day Weekend and summer travel coverage. Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information or high-resolution images about these or any other New Mexico True adventures.

Sincerely,

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