

Events Around the Four Corners



San Juan Mountains Center summer/fall – 2003

The San Juan Mountains Center celebrates its first summer serving researchers, visitors and mountain enthusiasts during their visit to the San Juans.

The San Juan Mountains Center (SJMC) is a new public lands information and mountain education center established this summer through a collaborative partnership between the Mountain Studies Institute (MSI), USFS/BLM (San Juan Public Lands), the San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA), and other community partners. The Center provides public education & outreach programs, interpretive products and visitor information services in one location in the heart of the San Juan high country.

The Center serves as MSI's education headquarters, provides BLM meeting room, office and storage space, provides SJMA a sales area, and enables year-round visitation. A variety of public information, education and outreach programs and activities will be housed at and delivered from the Center in downtown Silverton, a service region in which SJMA has not previously had an established presence.

San Juan Mountains Center activities and programs are designed to actively engage and educate San Juan National Forest/BLM visitors about public lands and provide general mountain environmental education. The SJMC is a unique public – private partnership that establishes a downtown Silverton/Main Street presence for MSI, SJMA, and the FS/BLM for public education purposes.

The Mountain Studies Institute is offering a Mountain Education Series comprised of short courses that are open to the general public. These programs respond to MSI's mission to enhance understanding and sustainable use of the San Juan Mountains through research and education. Through these courses, mountain enthusiasts will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the San Juan Mountains, their unique natural history and cultural heritage. There is still time to enroll in late summer/early fall programs, including:

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE IN THE HIGH SAN JUANS

Live theatre, museum, historic building and gallery walking tour
August 17-18, 30-31, September 18-19

GEOLOGY & MINING IN SILVERTON, COLORADO

September 5-7, 9-10, 29-30

EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANT TOUR

September 17

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN ECOLOGY

August 21, 27, September 3, 10, 24

BOOMTOWNS, BORDELLOS, AND
BEDROCK: Mining Heritage of the San
Juans

