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# CHANGES TO CHAMIZAL'S NEWSLETTER

In our efforts to continue to improve the *Teacher E-Newsletter*, this edition is a smaller file size designed to be even friendlier to your e-mail inbox without losing any of the essential content.

Just about every article and info box is linked directly to our website. There you'll find in-depth information about our programs and services, as well as the NPS focus site Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

The calendar at the back of this issue is also hyper-linked to the three gallery spaces at the park.

## Need more information?

Feel free to contact the education staff at Chamizal over the phone or through e-mail: (915) 532-7273 or [cham\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:cham_education@nps.gov).



## In Your Classroom

Can't make it out to our park? Not a problem! Chamizal National Memorial park rangers will travel to you! We offer programs that bring the NPS into the classroom. Call us today and request a visit.

### TEKS-ALIGNED SCIENCE LESSON

Rangers conduct a science program discussing desert adaptations. Focusing on the barrel cactus and the spotted ground squirrel (two examples of species protected at Chamizal National Memorial), rangers lead class discussions and activities to help illustrate concepts about our desert environment.

### POP-UP BOOK PROGRAM

More interested in art, crafts, and poetry? Our pop-up book-making program allows students to creatively express themselves while learning about the National Park Service and making a connection to Chamizal National Memorial. Combine this with a visit to the park for a truly fun and educational fieldtrip!

### OUTREACH TRUNKS

***Celebrating Diplomacy*** combines TEKS from social studies, language arts, fine arts and math through a series of fun lessons that explore our bicultural community of the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez region. Activities range from reading a recipe and making guacamole, designing papel picado, to writing comparison sheets on books included in the trunk, and singing folk songs. This trunk can be checked out for use on your campus for up to three weeks.

***Every Student is a Scientist*** combines science and math TEKS through a series of activities that are designed to be completed at the Chamizal. The trunk contains just about everything you would need to gather and analyze field data: compass, digital sound recorders, thermometers, stop watches, clipboards, etc. While the planning and the prep work is done at the school site, the materials in this trunk are only available for use at Chamizal National Memorial.



For these and other programs, call the park's Interpretation, Education, and Arts division at (915) 532-7273 or e-mail [cham\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:cham_education@nps.gov) for more information.





# Education Theater Programs

## Hamelito: *The Little Prince That Could*

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 am

Chamizal National Memorial and Outrageous Fortune Theatre Company (OFTC) are again teaming up to bring a new production by the professional Shakespearian troupe to the park's stage for elementary audiences.

The interactive style of OFTC gives 3rd through 6th grade students a wonderful imprint of classic literature and performance, offers TEKS aligned study-guides, and pre- and post-performance activities. Each performance is 45-minutes in length and is limited to 470 seats for students, teachers and chaperones.

Please call early to reserve your seats as Chamizal's theater fills quickly. Bus transportation funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Call the park's education staff for reservations and information on receiving transportation funds: (915) 532-7273 x112.**

These student presentations are sponsored in part by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.



OFTC's style of fun and meaningful audience participation begins even before the start of the performance.

**PERFORMANCE ADDED!**  
**APRIL 7TH @ 12:30 PM**  
**STILL FREE & BUS FUNDS AVAILABLE!**



## The Santa Fe Opera *Words & Music*

April 6, 7 & 8 – 10 am performances

Melody is at work writing an opera when she is hit with writer's block. Webster appears certain of two things: he, and only he with his gift for language, can help Melody, and that he has found the perfect girl.

More information about the performance, free buses and no-admission charges can be found at the park's website: [www.nps.gov/cham/forteachers/santa-fe-opera.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cham/forteachers/santa-fe-opera.htm)



# Children's Bookreading

Chamizal National Memorial is hosting a free one hour story-time program for preschool children. The program will provide children an opportunity to hear stories about friendship, cooperation, and getting along.

The program takes place the third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the park's Los Paisanos Gallery.

Spring semester dates are April 15, and May 20, 2010. There are limited accommodations for participation and the public is asked to call in advance for reservations.

For more information, contact Dora Martinez at 915-532-7273 ext. 128 or [dora\\_martinez@nps.gov](mailto:dora_martinez@nps.gov).

## Puppet Program

**ASK THE RIVER** recounts the story of the Chamizal dispute using marionettes!

With the help of four memorable characters, the program is designed to familiarize Pre-K through 2nd grade students with the Chamizal story. This interactive puppet program is approximately 40 minutes in length and includes a question and answer session with the puppets at the end of each performance.

**Whether on your campus or at the park, contact the park's education staff to schedule this puppet program.**

**(915) 532-7273 or [cham\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:cham_education@nps.gov)**





# Drop in Saturdays!

Come be a part of a Saturday morning full of crafty, cultural fun at Chamizal National Memorial!

Kids 5-11 (first through fifth grade equivalence) and their chaperones are invited to come have fun at the Memorial on a monthly basis. Each 45-minute session focuses on underlying themes related to the park such as friendship, diversity, commonalities among different cultures, and creative problem solving.

Please remember that while the session is free, reservations are recommended as each program is limited to 20 people.

April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 am  
**Japanese Paper Egg  
Figurines**

June 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 am  
**Wodaabe Mirror  
Pouches**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 10:30 am  
**Mexican Tin Art**

July 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 am  
**Pinwheels**

For more information:  
call 915-532-7272 or e-mail [cham\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:cham_education@nps.gov)

## ARTSY & CRAFTY SUMMER FUN!

Join us each summer month to explore different culturally based crafts from Mexico! Participants will learn basic art concepts while delving into aspects of cultures south of the border.

**June**  
**HUICHOL YARN ART**  
Art Lesson: Lines

**July**  
**AZTEC CODEX**  
Art Lesson: Shapes

**August**  
**PAPER FLOWERS**  
Art Lesson: Color

Check our website calendar for dates and times.  
[www.nps.gov/cham/planyourvisit/events.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cham/planyourvisit/events.htm)





## Teacher Workshops

# June is Science Month!

Chamizal is offering two outstanding workshops on “Science and the Memorial”.

Each workshop is free of charge and limited to 25 participants. Chamizal is CPE certified and all Texas teachers will earn 3 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for attending each of these sessions. Contact the park to register: 915-532-7273.

### The Science of Sustainability

June 15, 2010 – 9 am to 12 pm

Focus: recycling, renewable/non-renewable resources, using lab materials wisely, NPS focus on sustainability

### All About Earth Science

June 16, 2010 – 9 am to 12 pm

Focus: incorporating new TEKS standards with a field trip to Chamizal National Memorial

EPISD teachers: Please register for these session through your district’s science facilitator.

## Web Rangers



Visit the For Kids section at [www.nps.gov/cham](http://www.nps.gov/cham). Kids can go on three NPS-related adventures and earn their Junior Ranger certificate online.

## Spring into New Ideas!

From geography to desert adaptations to the Spanish *comedia*, lesson plans available at Chamizal’s “For Teachers” section offer TEKS-aligned curriculum for Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language classrooms.

[www.nps.gov/cham/forteachers/curriculummaterials](http://www.nps.gov/cham/forteachers/curriculummaterials)

## Virtual Ranger Visits

Chamizal National Memorial is excited to bring a brand new program into your classroom!

Using basic technology found in most classrooms today, your students can visit with a park ranger any time. Students will participate in a curriculum-driven program based on the park and park service as they would in a traditional fieldtrip, but won’t have to leave their campus. All you’ll need is a computer, web connection, mini-camera, microphone and speakers.

Program List:  
**NPS in the Federal Government**  
Middle & High School: Social Studies



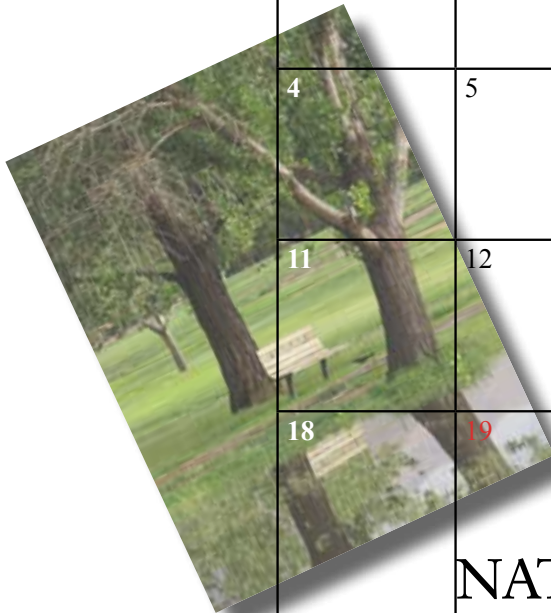
Education staff will lead your class through a web-based fieldtrip to learn more about Chamizal National Memorial and the National Park Service.

**Plant & Animal Adaptations in the Chihuahuan Desert**  
Elementary & Middle School: Science

Contact the education staff at Chamizal to register your classroom for a web conference with park rangers. (915) 532-7273 or [cham\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:cham_education@nps.gov)

*We are always looking for new ideas. Please let us know what topics you’d like to see us offer during these web fieldtrips.*

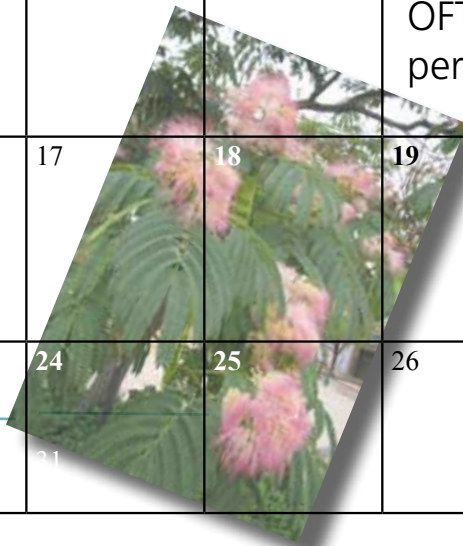
# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 SANTA FE OPERA Hot Topic Film Series 7pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Children's Story Time	16	17 Drop in Saturdays!
18	19	20	21 National Parks & Nature Series	22 Earth Day	23	24 Junior Ranger Day Abrazos gallery: Rodolfo Razo CLOSES
25	26	27	28	29	30	

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WEEK

# MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Hot Topic Film Series 7pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 OFTC Hamelito performances	13	14	15 Drop in Saturdays!
16	17	18	19	20 Children's Story Time	21	22
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30	31					



# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Hot Topic Film Series 7pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Music Under the Stars	14	15 The Science of Sustainability	16 All About Earth Science	17 Children's Story Time	18	19 Drop in Saturdays!
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**NPS**  
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## Come Celebrate Junior Ranger Day at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument!

National Park Week (April 17 – 25, 2010) is an annual, Presidentially-proclaimed week for celebration and recognition of Your National Parks. The most exciting part of this week-long celebration will be Junior Ranger Day, Saturday April 24th. Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate the long-awaited arrival of spring to the headwaters of the Gila River with a series of fun-filled programs. See up-close live owls and hawks, make a replica prehistoric Mimbres pot, or touch a wolf skull. Junior Rangers of all ages who successfully earn their Junior Ranger badge will receive a 15% discount at the Western National Parks Association bookstore.

*Teachers, National Parks Week is the perfect time to explore Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument - either in person or on the web!*

For more information, please visit: [www.nps.gov/gicl](http://www.nps.gov/gicl).

