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### **Cerrillos Hills State Park Hosts Centennial Speaker Series** *Celebrating New Mexico's 100<sup>th</sup> year of statehood!*

SANTA FE, NM – Cerrillos Hills State Park is holding a Centennial Speaker Series this summer in its new Visitor Center to celebrate New Mexico's 100<sup>th</sup> year of statehood. A variety of speakers will talk about the cultural and natural history of the area.

"The beautiful new Visitor Center is a perfect place to hold programs during the summer when it's really hot in the park. Everyone is welcome and there are several programs that kids will enjoy," said Sarah Wood, Cerrillos Hills State Park Manager.

Mining and the early Southwest horse trade are featured in the two historical programs; other programs are about bats, snakes, insects, butterflies and animal adaptations. Programs are every Thursday starting July 19 through August 30 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

The schedule is as follows:

<b>July 19</b>	<i>1,000 Years in 45 Minutes</i> with local historian Bill Baxter.
<b>July 26</b>	<i>BATS!</i> Program followed by a village walk with Ranger Peter Lipscomb. Great one for the kids.
<b>August 2</b>	<i>Snakes Alive</i> , a live snake program with Jan Macek. Kids will love this one.
<b>August 9</b>	<i>Creepy Things We Caught in the Park</i> with insect and arthropod specialist Linda Wiener. Bring the kids.
<b>August 16</b>	<i>Animal Superpowers</i> with Ranger Peter Lipscomb. More fun for the kids.
<b>August 23</b>	<i>Butterflies of New Mexico</i> with Steve Cary, author and famous butterfly expert.
<b>August 30</b>	<i>Bringing Home All the Pretty Horses: The Wild Horse Trade in the Early Southwest</i> with Dan Flores, Western History professor.

The Cerrillos Hills State Park Visitor Center opened in May of 2012, and is located in the village of Cerrillos at 37 Main Street. For detailed directions and other park information, please visit <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/CerrillosHills.htm>.

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