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### **Rio Grande Nature Center State Park Junior Ranger Program** *Two Week Long Summer Camp*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Rio Grande Nature Center State Park has space available for students entering sixth thru ninth grade for a two week long summer camp. Instead of spending the summer indoors, participants in the Junior Ranger Program will hike and bike in the Bosque. They will learn about plants and animals, make new friends, create nature artwork, keep a scientific and creative journal and learn about the Bosque ecosystem by meeting with scientists and park rangers. Participants get to have fun and work together as a team.

“The Junior Ranger program is a great opportunity for students to participate in a hands-on learning program that is designed to be fun as well as educational,” said Beth Dillingham, Park Superintendent.

The two-week session dates are: June 18-29, July 9-20, and July 23-August 3. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday and is limited to twelve students. The cost is \$100 per student. For registration information, visit the [Rio Grande Nature Center State Park](#) website and click on the [Junior Ranger Registration Packet](#) link, or call 505-344-7240.

The [Rio Grande Nature Center State Park](#) is located at the west end of Candelaria Road, NW in Albuquerque. The Bosque features two miles of nature trails, which wind through partially wooded areas to open sand flats alongside the Rio Grande. The park offers naturalist-led hikes, Bosque exploration, exhibits, hands-on activities, teacher workshops, seasonal classes and special events for visitors of all ages. Rio Grande Nature Center State Park is owned by the City of Albuquerque, but managed by New Mexico State Parks as a city/state collaboration.

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