



# COTTONWOOD GULCH EXPEDITIONS

## SCHOOL/COMMUNITY PROGRAMS PLAN YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



### OVERVIEW

This trek invites students to work alongside Cottonwood Gulch staff and their classmates in order to plan and execute a multi-day adventure aligned with their interests. A road camping loop, backpacking trip, or bike-packing trip provides students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with New Mexico's public lands and outdoor living, while working closely in community and improving their relationships, communication skills, decision making skills, and social awareness. Highly student driven and collaborative, this trek can be adapted to almost any skill or experience level.

### OUTCOMES

- Students will plan, prepare for and execute a multi-day adventure aligned with their interests.
- Students will gain confidence and comfortability with outdoor and close communal living while improving their interpersonal communication skills.
- Students will create a field guide detailing their experience, supplemented with resources by Cottonwood Gulch staff.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 2-3 days of in class planning time facilitated by Cottonwood Gulch Instructors
- 1, in the field, prep day during which students will prepare food and equipment
- One, 3-5 day adventure
  - Final locations will be chosen by students from list of locations dependent on activity, personnel, and permits.
  - Examples:
    - Gila Wilderness
    - Jemez Mountains
    - Santa Fe National Forest
    - Zuni Mountains

### PROGRAM LENGTH

- Three full days at school (1 introductory, 2 planning)
- One prep day (food shopping and packing the COM)
- Up to 5 field days

### INTENDED PARTICIPANTS

This program is intended for 7th - 12th grade students.

**TOTAL COST:** For up to 25 students per field session: \$9,900  
For up to 35 students per field session: \$13,900

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