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Salinas Pueblo Missions NM News Release

Centennial Celebration Star Party at Salinas Pueblo Missions

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On October 16, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm, the Lake County Astronomical Society of Illinois <http://www.lcas-astronomy.org/> and the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument <http://www.nps.gov/sapu/> will be co-hosting a Star Party at Gran Quivira. The theme of the event will be *Native American Skies*. Interpretive astronomy programs featuring powerful telescopes for viewing heavenly bodies will be accompanied by Native American stories about the night sky. In addition to the Gran Quivira Centennial, 2009 is the International Year of Astronomy. <http://www.astronomy2009.org/> The event is free.

Ernie Dogwolf Lovato, Mestizo Story Teller and Native Flute Player, will be providing stories and musical entertainment.

Gran Quivira is located 25 miles South of Mountainair on State Highway 55 and is well signed. Free off-site parking will be provided by the Gran Quivira Church near the entrance to Gran Quivira with free shuttles to reduce light interference from vehicle headlights.

An RSVP at 505 847 2585 ext. 0 is requested but not required. Dress warmly. Should the weather prevent night sky viewing on October 16, we will try again on October 17.

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