

skies are spectacular and appreciated by both professional and amateur astronomers, as well as the star gazer in all of us. On clear nights, the view of the Milky Way is wondrous and simply unmatched.

Owing to its spaciousness and large commercial kitchen, GEC is able to accommodate meetings of up to 400 people. One main feature is the state-of-the-art audio-visual system and a 20' x 20' screen, which make for a very enjoyable experience whether attending academic lectures or watching a Hollywood action adventure movie.

The **Apache Museum** is located in the lobby of GEC and is free to the public (donations accepted). This special museum honors both Geronimo, a prominent leader from the Bedonkohe band of the Chiricahua Apache tribe, and the Apache Nation of the region. The museum highlights rare, period photographs of Geronimo, U.S. troops, and the local Apache of the Chiricahua region. Antiquities include the tools, art and objects made by the Apache peoples. The Apache Museum is honored to showcase Geronimo's personal bow, arrows, and quiver.

The GEC is of historic interest because it is located just 15 miles east from where Geronimo surrendered to U.S. troops on April 1, 1886. Make plans to visit this significant monument.

Early Registration

Early Registration is by June 1, 2017

Adult Registration \$145 USD

Student Registration \$100 USD

Presenter Registration \$75 USD

Spouse Registration \$55

Banquet \$40

Early registration is now open. Go to the official BoS website to register early!

All registrants will receive a printed conference program and BoS bag with fun swag items.

Abstracts

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

Planning Your Trip to Rodeo, NM

***** The official BoS website has detailed information on travel and accommodations *****

The rural town of Rodeo is an unincorporated community in Hidalgo County in the southwestern corner (“bootheel”) of New Mexico. It lies less than one mile from the Arizona border on New Mexico State Highway 80. **There are no gas stations, banks, police stations, hospitals, and McDonalds to be found in Rodeo, NM.** Plan accordingly for rural travel.

AIRPORTS

Rodeo, NM is served by Tucson International Airport (**TUS - 2.5 hours**), Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (**PHX – 5 hours**), and El Paso International Airport (**ELP – 3 hours**).

We recommend that you rent vehicles at the airports. Personal transportation will allow you to explore the beautiful landscape of southern Arizona. For individuals who do not want to rent a vehicle, you may want to hitch a ride by finding a “riding partner” from the airport. We will advertise this on the BoS Facebook.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

We intend to have a **limited shuttle service** at **TUS** only. It will pick up individuals at **1 pm on Wednesday; after the conference on Sunday, it will depart the GEC at 10 am.** Please register for this service at least two weeks prior to the event with CDM (575) 557-5757. This shuttle is gratis only to registrants.

WHERE TO STAY

There is limited guest-housing in the community of Rodeo-Portal. Plan early to secure a room or place to stay. Also, major hotel chains are located in Lordsburg, NM and Douglas, AZ, which are within reasonable driving distance from Geronimo Event Center (approx. 50 miles). Road-hunting anyone?

Designated camping sites (\$\$) and primitive camping (free) are available at the nearby (10 miles) Coronado National Forest – Chiricahua Mountains.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coronado/recarea/?recid=25312>

EMERGENCIES AND PORTAL RESCUE

If you have any medical issues, plan accordingly for rural travel. Review all of your health insurance benefits and services. Bring pertinent contact information.

CALL 911 for any emergency while in Rodeo NM or Portal AZ

Portal Rescue: www.portalrescue.com (business phone: (520) 558-2206.

Local Activities

The region of the bootheel in New Mexico and Chiricahua Mountains offer unprecedented and amazing opportunities for recreation. It is world-famous for wildlife viewing, from rare insects and reptiles (non-avian) to trogons and many other birds, bears, peccary, deer, and jaguar (if very lucky).

Recreation Ideas

- Bicycling & Motorcycling
- Camping & Cabins
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horse Riding
- Nature & Bird Viewing
- OHV Riding
- Picnicking
- Scenic Driving
- Water Activities
- Herping – see BoS website for information on local rules & regulations in NM and AZ.
- Stargazing (www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/stargazing-basics/)

Contact Us!

If you have any questions, concerns, or need more general information, do not hesitate to contact one of us. The phone number at the **Chiricahua Desert Museum** is (575) 557-5757.

As the organizers of **Biology of Snakes Conference 2017**, it is our hope that you will find this meeting educational, innovative, inspiring, and enjoyable.

From all of us, thank you for your valued support and participation in this important meeting.

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