

## **Trinity Site Visit: Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004**

Dear Trinity Site Visitors,

Because of the large number of registrants, meeting schedule constraints and policy changes at the White Sands Missile Range, there are several items we need to bring to your attention.

- All participants have been assigned to a color-coded bus: Red, Yellow, Green or Blue . Buses begin boarding at the Hilton Albuquerque at 6:30am and will leave the hotel PROMPTLY at 7:00am. Lunch will be at approximately 1:45pm and, returning to the hotels at 5:00pm (see details below).
- You MUST present a photo ID to board the bus and to enter the White Sands Missile Range.
- Because lunch is rather late, we encourage you to arrive already having eaten breakfast, and to bring water & snacks, as we will be in the desert with few facilities available.

### **1) Lunch Plans**

Due to a policy change at White Sands Missile Range, lunch is no longer served at the McDonald Ranch House. We have found a wonderful alternative, however. We have arranged to eat at the well-known Owl Bar & Café in San Antonio, NM. The Owl, famous for its green chile` cheeseburgers, served the men who prepared the Trinity Site for the first test of the atomic bomb.

Lunch consists of a cheeseburger with green chile` on the side, french fries or onion rings, and a drink. More information on the Owl Café can be found on the 2004 Congress website (<http://sigmapisigma.org/congress.htm>). Vegetarian options include green salads, vegetarian pinto beans, and grilled cheese sandwiches. If you would like a vegetarian meal and did not indicate so on your registration form, please email the national office at [sps@aip.org](mailto:sps@aip.org) by Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **2) Lunch Times**

Since our group has become so large, we will be eating lunch in two shifts (two busloads at a time). The first two buses (RED and YELLOW) will depart the McDonald Ranch Site at approximately 11:45am and eat at 12:30pm; the final two buses (GREEN and BLUE) will depart the McDonald Ranch site at approximately 12:00pm, and will stop over at the nearby Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. At 1:30pm the GREEN & BLUE buses will depart the Wildlife Refuge for the Owl Café, eating at approximately 1:45pm. For information on the wildlife refuge visit: <http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/newmex/bosque>.

### **3) Preparation**

We will begin boarding the buses for the Trinity Site Visit at 6:30am. The buses will depart from the Hilton Albuquerque promptly at 7:00am (the Fairfield Inn Albuquerque is right next to the Hilton). Everyone MUST present a valid photo ID (drivers license, passport, or state ID). Arrive already having eaten breakfast; bring water and snacks as

lunch for some will not be served until approximately 1:45pm for some (see item #2 above).

Jeans are a good choice of clothing. It will likely be chilly in the morning, so you may want to wear a jacket. Sunscreen is advisable. It is usually sunny and warm in the afternoon.

#### **4) Other Items**

We are not able to accommodate on-site registration or refunds for the Trinity Site Visit. Due to the tight schedule and large response, *latecomers cannot be accommodated*.

We will view the movie “The Day After Trinity” enroute. Staff members from the White Sands Missile Range will provide an informational brochure to each attendee and will address the entire group at the Trinity Site. We also expect to hear from some Sigma Pi Sigma members who have first-hand experience with the Manhattan Project, including Dr. Worth Seagondollar, who witnessed the Trinity test.

If you are interested in contributing digital images from the Trinity Site Visit for a video presentation during dinner, please coordinate with Tracy Schwab from the national office onsite.

We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque and enjoying this unique experience together. For more detailed information on the Trinity Site Visit or 2004 Congress, see the 2004 Congress website (<http://sigmapisigma.org/congress.htm>).

Regards,

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