

*****Revised*****



24th Arch Canyon Jeep Jamboree

San Juan County, Utah

April 24 – 26, 2014

Trail Rating 3 – 9

*** New for 2014 – NO 2 person Minimum, Driver only needed ***

EVENT SCHEDULE

This Jamboree is a Classic - catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday. Please read "A Message from your Coordinator" for information on camping and suggestions on where to unload Jeeps that are brought in by trailer to the event, as well as updates regarding trail status and environmental impact mitigation.

If you are camping at Cottonwood Camp, please get a permission letter when you sign up for trails!

THURSDAY, April 24, 2014

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

MANDATORY vehicle check, registration and trail sign-up location at the **Blanding Arts & Event Center** 715 West 200 South Blanding, UT 84511 (435) 678-8103. Please refer to "How Do I Get There?" for directions to the Center. Trail sign-ups will take place during registration and are on a **first come, first served basis**. Vehicle check is **MANDATORY PRIOR TO** trail sign-ups. **NO LATE REGISTRATION on Friday morning**. Please make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to Friday morning, as there are no gas stations once we leave town.

FRIDAY, April 25, 2014

8:15 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Breakfast will held at the **Blanding Arts & Event Center** 715 West 200 South Blanding, UT 84511. Be sure to pick up your lunch before you leave.

Mandatory General Attendance meeting held at the **Blanding Arts & Event Center** 715 West 200 South Blanding, UT 84511. Make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the general attendance meeting!

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Depart for Cottonwood Camp. Approximately a 30 minute drive to Cottonwood Camp.

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Trail ride

12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Enjoy your lunch along the trail

2:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Trail ride

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner served at Cottonwood Camp, Special entertainment provided

SATURDAY, April 26, 2014

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast served at Cottonwood Camp. Dress warm, mornings can be very cool. If you are staying in town, please allow approximately 30 minutes to drive to Cottonwood Camp. Be sure to pick up your lunch before you leave.

8:15 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

Mandatory General Attendance meeting at Cottonwood Camp, make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the general attendance meeting!

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 A.M.

Trail ride

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Enjoy your lunch along the trail

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Trail ride

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner served at Cottonwood Camp

Prize drawing after dinner. Participant must be present to win

Trip questions contact Erin Lara: erin@jeeppjam.com / 530-333-4777 x11

Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: glenda@jeeppjam.com / 530-333-4777 x12

Registration questions, adding or changing passengers contact Joelle Seibel: register@jeeppjam.com / 530-333-4777 x18

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

Note: Due to a recently discovered cultural site that crosses the Hotel Rock trail, we are not permitted to drive the trail all the way to Hotel Rock itself; however, we will still drive all the high-rated obstacles on the trail. Also, due to the extreme environmental sensitivity of Arch Canyon itself, please do a high-pressured undercarriage wash of your Jeep before coming to vehicle check on Thursday evening. There are several car washes in Blanding. This area will be inspected during the vehicle check and if found to be dirty to the point that it may drip oil or grease into the canyon stream, which is the home to an endangered species, you will be asked to wash your Jeep's undercarriage before leaving for the trail on Friday. We appreciate your support in this delicate matter, as it helps us to keep this very special trail open. Thank you.

Thank you very much for joining us at this very special Jeep Jamboree! Arch Canyon has long been a favorite of those who have attended it due to its great Jeeping, very special location, small, intimate nature and the fact that all meals after breakfast Friday are served outdoors in Cottonwood Camp (located just outside the mouth of Arch Canyon. Because these meals are served outdoors, we recommend you bring folding chairs and some kind of small table to use – they will make eating breakfast and dinner much easier.

Besides eating meals outdoors, you also get to interact with the crew to a much larger degree than normal, which is something we as a crew truly enjoy. While we can't promise anything, we are often graced with a visit by a group of Ute Mountain Ute drummers and singers and occasionally dancers in full costume who perform for us just before dinner Friday, adding an interpretation of the history of this beautiful and serene Ute land. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is our very generous host, allowing us overnight use of Cottonwood Camp.

Participants pulling Jeeps on trailers may want to unload them at Cottonwood Camp. The road into camp is narrow with limited turn-around space, however, camp trailers and motor homes can make it into camp without trouble. There are no hookups available; it is primitive camping only. Port-a-potty and hand washing stations will be available. Some participants may choose to camp at Cottonwood Camp. Please request a copy of the overnight land use permit at registration if you plan to camp at Cottonwood Camp, as you may be asked to show this to tribe officials.

Camp is approximately 30 minutes from Blanding. You have the option to either camp at Cottonwood Camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings or make motel reservations in Blanding.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

The Arch Canyon Jeep Jamboree currently offers two trails. Participants will be divided into two groups. One group will do the Arch Canyon Trail on Friday and the Hotel Rock Trail on Saturday; the other group will do these same trails but in reverse order. No more than 25 vehicles total will be assigned to either trail due to permit restrictions.

Arch Canyon, Trail Rating 4 The majority of this trail is rated a 3, however small sections are a 4 and may even be a 5 due to winter run-off effects. It is approximately 8 miles to the head of the canyon. Due to the possibility of nesting raptors we may need to turn around roughly ½ to 1 mile before the head of the canyon. If this is the case then we will attempt to give you the opportunity to hike to the head of the canyon during our lunch stop so you can see the arch that gives Arch Canyon its name. You will be driving on sand, sediment and river rock as we follow the stream that has carved this majestic canyon since the time of the "Ancient Ones". The road is forever changing with the winter's run off making conditions unpredictable, however, Undercarriage clearance should not be a problem if you pay attention. We will have scheduled stops and plenty of photo opportunities. If you make an unscheduled stop, pick a spot to pull over where you will not be driving on plant life and following Jeeps can pass you. Please show consideration for others by not holding up the group. If possible we will turn around at the head of Arch Canyon below the arch for which the canyon is named; if not you will likely have the chance to hike to the arch as mentioned. Use the road to turn around but do not drive off the road. The plants and soil are very fragile here and this will help us protect the canyon. You will not be bored backtracking here; the light from the new angle of the sun will make you feel that you are in a totally different canyon as you drive out. You will see ruins that you missed while driving into the canyon.

Hotel Rock, Trail Rating 9 Due to the high difficulty rating of Hotel Rock, tow points are mandatory. Jeeps that have the bumper/tow hitch set up should purchase a tow point insert that fits the receiver hitch. This insert is available at most 4-Wheel shops for an average cost \$20 - \$30. **Lockers are highly encouraged on this trail!**

We will leave from Cottonwood Camp and climb to the south making our way over a variety of challenging obstacles to Hotel Rock. This is a pulse-quickening romp into the past, through Utah's majestic canyon lands. While making this climb we will be graced by beautiful vistas of this rugged country and at the same time challenged by steep sections, both up and down, left and right, with sharp dips, and off-camber sections. Although drivers will not be able to relax until we reach flat ground, on Cedar Flats, near Hotel Rock, there is no need to worry as your expert Trail Crew is there to guide you through all of the obstacles. Tow straps may be needed on some vehicles in the more challenging sections. This trail is a perfect trail to learn what both your Jeep and you, the driver, are capable of conquering. It also is a load of fun for the passengers!

At our stops along the way we will see mountain ranges over 150 miles away: the silver San Juan Mountains of Colorado and the Lukachukais of Arizona and New Mexico. All this can be seen below the snowcapped Blue Mountains of Utah. The contrast here is a photographer's dream, for both amateur and professional alike. Hotel Rock was so named because of the ruins that were built into its vertical walls by the "Ancient Ones"

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

Please visit www.weather.com For a current 10 day forecast. This will assist you in planning and packing for your trip.

VISITOR RESOURCES

Blanding Chamber of Commerce 435-678-2539
Utah Travel Council 800-200-1160
San Juan County Economic Dev. 800-574-4386
www.utahscanyoncountry.com

WEB SITES

State of Utah www.state.ut.us or www.go-utah.com
San Juan County www.southeastutah.org/visitor.html

SIGHTS TO SEE

The Dinosaur Museum (in Blanding)
Edge of the Cedars State Park (nearby Blanding)
Natural Bridges National Monument
Abajo Mountains
Monument Valley
Lake Powell
Canyonlands National Park
Hovenweep National Monument

INTERESTING FACTS

This is one of the most beautiful places in all of Utah's Canyon Lands, home of the "Ancient Ones". For thousands of years the Anasazi Indians flourished throughout the Four Corners area. It is estimated that over 250,000 Anasazi lived here in San Juan County alone. Remnants of their past can be seen in almost every canyon in southern Utah. Some of the largest concentrations of their past can be found here, on the high walls of Arch Canyon. Even today it is easy to understand why this culture consisting of hunter-gatherers chose this canyon in which to live. It is protected from harsh winters and searing summers. There are plentiful game, wild berries, roots and a year-round stream for water. Surely the scenic splendor of this place had something to do with their decision to settle here. Their fingerprints can still be seen in the mud used to seal the inside walls of their dwellings. The prints look fresh, like they were made yesterday. This is a place where time has stood still. As you travel the Arch Canyon trails you will contemplate why a civilization numbering into the millions that prospered for thousands of years suddenly and mysteriously disappeared over 800 years ago. Was it war, drought, famine, or disease? No two authorities will agree on this issue.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Gateway Inn - Headquarters 435-678-2278
Blanding Super 8 Motel 435-678-3880
Monticello Inn (Pet friendly) 800-952-6212
Four Corners Inn (Pet friendly) 435-678-3257

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Blue Mountain RV Park 435-678-2570
Kamp Park 435-678-2770
Cottonwood Camp (in Comb Wash) Please request a copy of the overnight land use permit at registration if

you plan camp at Cottonwood Camp, as you may be asked to show this to tribe officials.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

DIRECTIONS TO GATEWAY INN

From Moab and points North.

South out of Moab on US-191 to the town of Blanding which is approximately 74 miles South of Moab and 22 miles South of the town of Monticello. End at the Gateway Inn 88 E. Center St., Blanding.

DIRECTIONS TO COTTONWOOD CAMP – Location of camping, most meals and starting point of trail rides.

Travel 3 miles South of Blanding on Hwy 191.

Turn right (West) on Highway 95. It is approximately 20 miles to the Arch Canyon turn off. You will go through a very deep rock cut on Comb Ridge before you get to the turn off to the camp. You can't miss the rock cut. Go through the rock cut and across the dry wash at the bottom of Comb Ridge.

Turn right (North) immediately after crossing the wash. It is 2 miles to the Cottonwood Camp. It is not marked and is left (West) of the main road in a grove of large cottonwood trees on the banks of Arch Creek. If you cross the creek, you have gone too far. We will have our meal and camping area sectioned off with yellow tape.

DIRECTIONS TO BLANDING ARTS & EVENTS CENTER FROM THE GATEWAY INN

Location of Vehicle Check, Registration, and Friday breakfast.

Depart the Gateway Inn heading west on E Center Street. US Highway 191 (towards the traffic light). Take the first left (at the traffic light) onto S. Main Street/US Hwy 191. Take the second right onto W 200 S. The Arts & Events Center is approximately 0.6 miles ahead.

JEEP RENTALS

Farabees Adventures 435-259-7734
Red Rock Jeep Rentals 435 259-7494

Rentals are located in Moab, Utah. Blanding is approximately 75 miles south of Moab.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Drew Kunter - Coordinator
Arch Canyon Trail Guides
George Wells & Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe
Lynn Laws, Lynn Stevens & San Juan County
Blanding Arts & Events Center

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Tow points are MANDATORY! Tow points may include, tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade six/ eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures, draw bars, receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with manufacturers installed clevis or d-ring anchor. **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**

- **No body lifts or suspension lifts over 6” combined.**
- **No tires over 37”.**
- **No snowplow frames.**
- **We recommend removing running boards and steps both factory and aftermarket if planning to participate in higher rated trails.**
- **All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willys), must have mandatory roll bars.**
- **Tow strap recommended (with loops—NO METAL HOOKS).**
- **Full-size spare tire or comparable size mandatory! A space-saver spare (donut) just won’t do.**
- **Must be street legal with license plate.**
- **CB Radio MANDATORY!**

Please contact Glenda if you have further questions at glenda@jeepjam.com or 530-333-4777 ext. 12.

WHAT TO BRING

- ___ Basic tool kit recommended!
- ___ First aid kit recommended!
- ___ Tire gauge recommended!
- ___ Ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages
- ___ **Full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting!**
- ___ Lots of fluids

New for 2014: CB radio is MANDATORY! There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is required that each vehicle to have a CB radio. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, flashlight, camera/video camera, binoculars, insect repellent, sun block, hat, hiking boots, toiletries & medications, toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal, hand sanitizer, rain jacket and warm clothing.

TRAIL USAGE AND INFORMATION

WATER CROSSINGS

We may have water crossings and water holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass if you decide to “go around”. It is very **IMPORTANT** to watch and listen to your trail guide. Please be sure your air intake is disconnected. Your trail guide can help you with this if needed. When driving in deep water, GO VERY SLOW! If your engine gets wet and stalls, DO NOT try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. After the Jamboree, please be sure to reconnect your air intake. For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of “Mark A. Smith’s Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving”.

A NOTE ON LAND USAGE

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas, which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year. Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided JJUSA groups during the scheduled Friday and Saturday trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of JJUSA’s land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund. Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America’s most spectacular backcountry.

PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!

Travel responsibly on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

Respect the rights of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

Avoid sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to vehicle check prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

1-2 Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate. In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).

3-5 Moderately demanding. Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

6-7 Demanding. Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

8-9 Very demanding. Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

10 Extremely demanding. Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD with 4-LO (*Not recommended for Jeep Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commander.*)

During registration participants will have the opportunity to discuss the trails, their driving experience and vehicle capabilities with the trail guides. Guides will work with participants for trail placement.

RAIN MAY INCREASE TRAIL RATINGS 1 OR 2 POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH STREET TIRES.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS – Before, During, After Your Trip

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

It is **mandatory** to return a waiver form signed by everyone in your vehicle (by mail, fax or email) to the JJUSA office as soon as possible. Your registration **IS NOT COMPLETE** until we receive a completed waiver. This helps you to prevent delays in processing your registration and avoid longer wait times during registration. A waiver for participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

New registrations, adding or changing passengers: It is very important to register new vehicles, add or change passengers **at least two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. This will enable us to give an accurate count to our caterer for the meals. Please note that registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle. Event T-Shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your registration. Shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and

merchandise will be available onsite and online however quantities and sizes are limited.

GET CONNECTED

Join the discussion group for just one or multiple Jeep Jamborees on facebook. This is a great way to start conversing with fellow participants and trail guides before you even get to the Jamboree. Ask questions, share information and photos before, during and after your great adventure. Click on [discussion groups](#) on the Jeep Jamboree USA homepage and join for FREE.

WHILE YOU ARE THERE

Name Badges and Wristbands

When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and a wristband per participant. Please wear both of these while at the event. They are verification of registration. Those without a wristband will not be served meals or allowed on the trails.

WHEN YOU RETURN

Submit your photos to us. Jeep Jamboree USA is proud to continue the Photo of the Month & Photo of the Year Contest. We know many of you take great pictures as you explore America's backcountry while on a Jeep Jamboree; and now it's time to share those photos with other Jeep Jamboree enthusiasts! The best part is, you could win a Jeep Jamboree USA trip for two anywhere in the United States. So if you've been taking pictures at Jeep Jamboree events you might be holding the winning photo – just check your camera! Please visit www.jeepjamboreeusa.com/photos for details on how to submit your photos.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN I BRING?

Whoever you want! As long as they each have a required seat belt in your Jeep 4x4. Bringing pets is strongly discouraged. If your pet must attend, you must submit a pet waiver prior to event.

WHERE DO I SLEEP ON A JEEP JAMBOREE?

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Included in this event schedule is a list of accommodations. Be sure to mention you're attending a Jeep Jamboree when making your reservation.

WHAT DOES THE JAMBOREE FEE COVER?

Your fee covers all necessary permits, land-use fees, experienced guides for the entire trip, three meals on both Friday and Saturday ("Select" adventurers include evening meals only). NOTE: Meals vary. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for special diets or dietary restrictions. Also included is an official Jeep Jamboree dash plaque and access to some of the finest trails in America – several of which are only available through this program. Each Jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes from our sponsors. Sorry, no partial trips are offered or meal only options and no spectators allowed. All participants must be officially registered.

CAN I BRING MY JEEP LIBERTY, CHEROKEE, COMPASS, PATRIOT, GRAND CHEROKEE, OR COMMANDER?

Of course! All new Jeep 4x4 vehicles with a 4-LO transfer case are Trail Rated® and are tested on demanding 4x4 trails. Vehicles without 4-LO may **ONLY** use trails rated 1-2. Your Jeep four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to be in good condition, with good tires, brakes, and seat belts. In addition, we require prior approval for larger Jeep 4x4s, such as Grand Wagoneers and J-Series Pickups. Jeep Jamboree USA reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant whose vehicle exceeds size restrictions.

COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?

Every effort is made by Jeep Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. Participants are advised to closely follow instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of damage to your vehicle when traveling rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Jamborees with higher difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Participants are required to sign a waiver form.

JEEP JAMBOREE USA POLICIES

SAFETY

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity, to avoid specific trails or areas which jeopardizes you or your fellow participant's safety or is not authorized for our use, please follow their directions. JJUSA does not authorize or promote any night runs. AS AGREED TO IN YOUR WAIVER, ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO WEAR HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SEAT AND SHOULDER BELTS. IF A TRAIL GUIDE ASKS YOU TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT AND YOU DO NOT COMPLY, VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE, MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY TRAIL RIDE. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE, MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

REFUND POLICIES

We realize that unexpected events such as work conflicts, mechanical problems and illnesses may cause you to cancel your trip. However, we have many business partners that we pay deposits based on a preliminary participant count, therefore in order to limit the impact of cancellations the following penalties apply to your refund should you choose to cancel:

<u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Reservation to 60 Days	\$75
59 days to 30 days	50 %
29 days to 8 days	75 %
7 days to trip date	NO REFUND
Transfer Fee	\$50

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the **SAME** calendar year you may do so for \$50 per transfer.

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER

Children 5 and under are not charged to participate with you in a Jamboree. Complimentary meals for children 5 and under will be provided.

ONSITE PURCHASES AT JAMBOREE

If you purchase JJUSA merchandise at the event, please be aware that we can accept payment by check or cash only; sorry no credit cards!

NO C.O.D.S

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance.

NO PARTIAL DAYS OR MEALS ONLY REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are for the SAME person (driver or passengers) for BOTH days. Passengers may not be swapped; i.e. one person on one day; another person another day. We base our nametags, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (no refunds are given for days not used), nor do we sell a "meals only" option for those who are not on the trail but wish to join participants for meals.

Due to unforeseen circumstances all trips, events and trails are subject to change or cancellation without advance notice.