

# **JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY BOOK**

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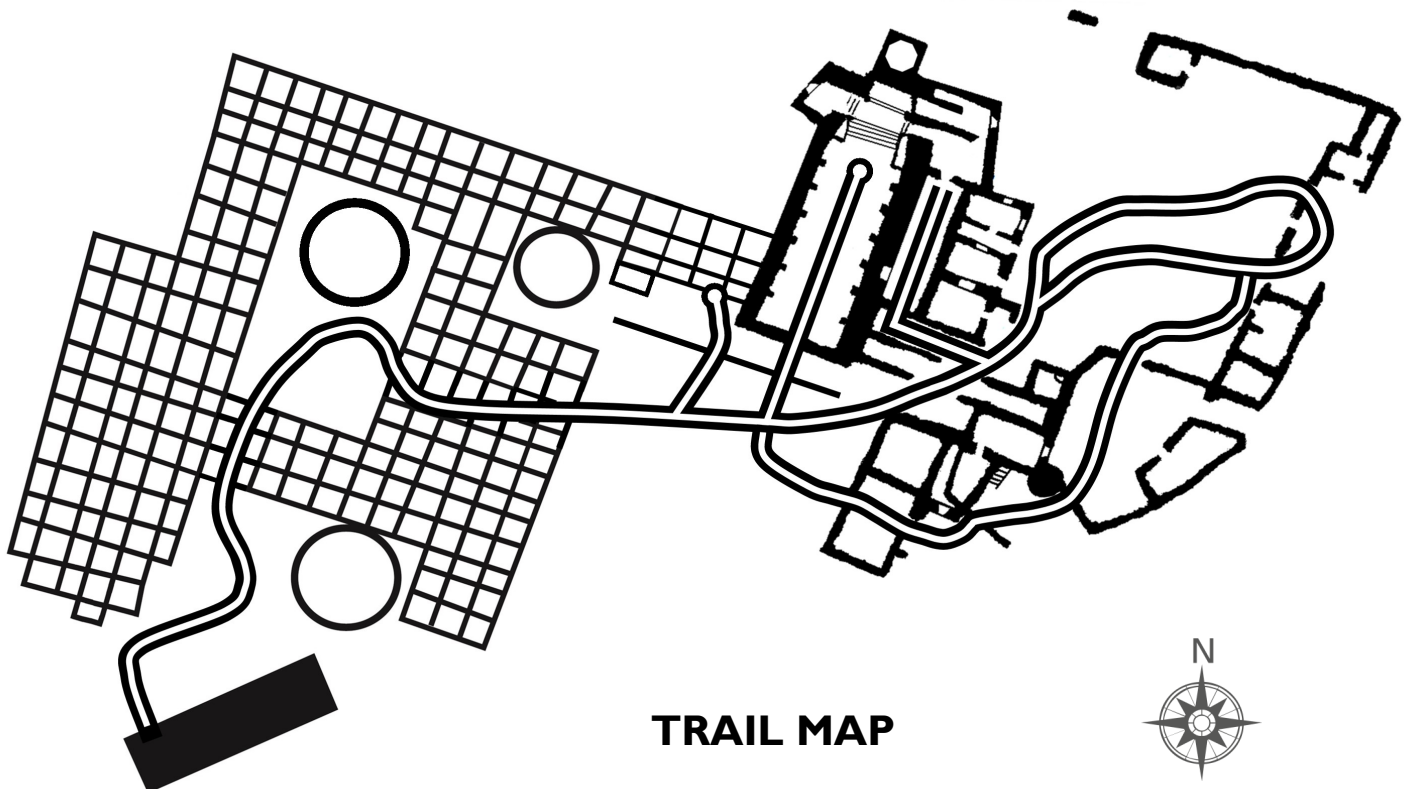
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## Who is a Junior Ranger?

A Junior Ranger is a person who enjoys learning about places like the Jemez Historic Site. They share what they have learned with family, friends and others so important places like Jemez Historic Site and the other New Mexico Historic Sites are remembered and respected for many years to come.

## Becoming a Junior Ranger

Anyone can be a Junior Ranger. All you have to do is complete at least 6 activities. First take the Virtual Tour that is available on-line at [nmhistoricsites.org/jemez/vr](http://nmhistoricsites.org/jemez/vr) to complete this activity book. Please send a video or photo of your finished Junior Ranger Activity Book and we will send you a Junior Ranger Patch.



This is the site of an ancient village, and Spanish church. The people that lived here are called Jemez People (Jemez is pronounced HAY-mess). This Pueblo (Spanish for “village”) was built in the 1300s. The Jemez People also lived in many other pueblos in this area. Many of those pueblos were on the mesa tops to the East and West.

The Pueblo here at Jemez Historic Site is called “Gise’wa”, which means “Place of Sulphur”. The mounds of dirt and rocks are what remain of the 3-4 story Pueblo. It was made using rocks, mud and trees, and looked similar to modern apartment buildings. Pueblos normally had a plaza— open areas within a Pueblo surrounded by dwellings. Gisewa Pueblo had multiple plazas.

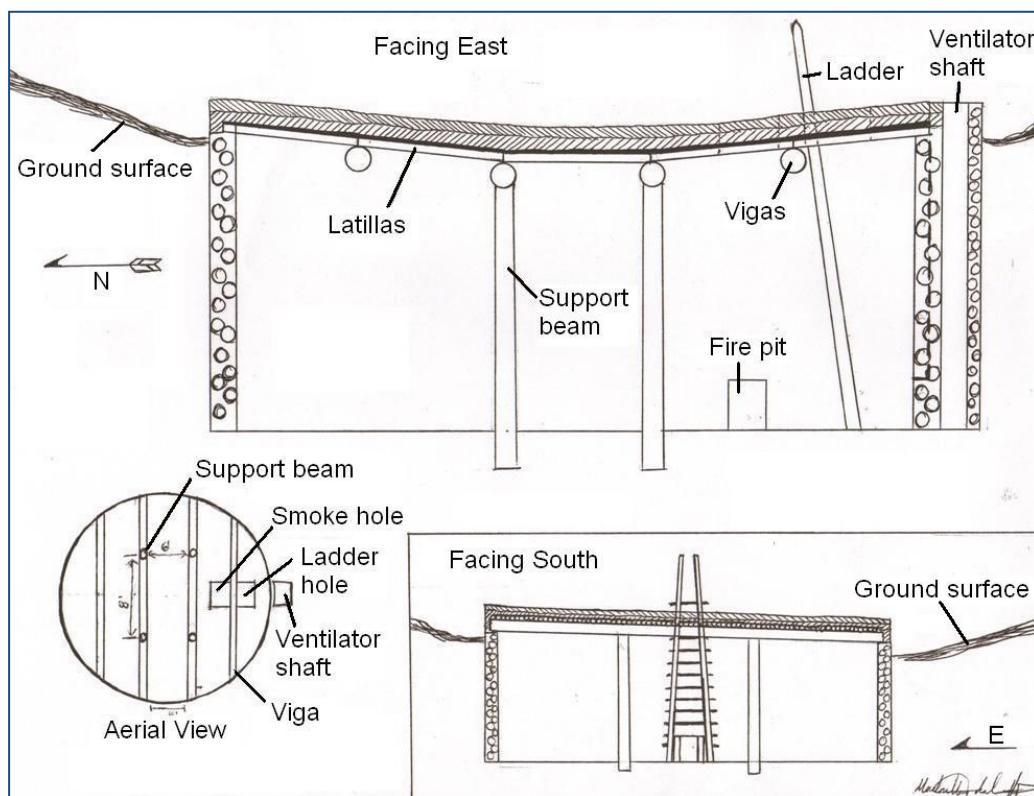
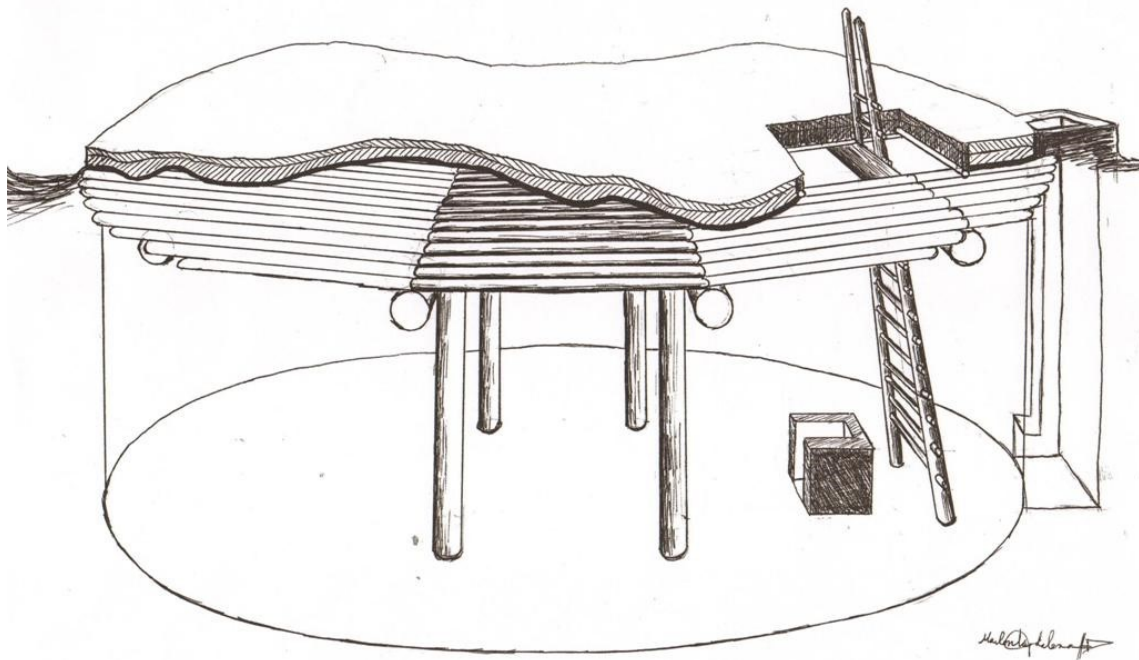
Modern Jemez people now live in the Pueblo of Jemez 13 miles south of here, and they believe the Pueblo of Gisewa is sacred and that it deserves respect.



The plaza was the central area of a pueblo. Many daily activities took place here.

*Draw activities that might have taken place in the plaza.*

A kiva is a special and sacred place. It is used for ceremonies and social gatherings by Pueblo People. These structures are usually round (sometimes square) and subterranean (underground). They represent origins from the underworld and remain sacred throughout the modern Pueblos.



*Draw a place that is sacred or special to you.*



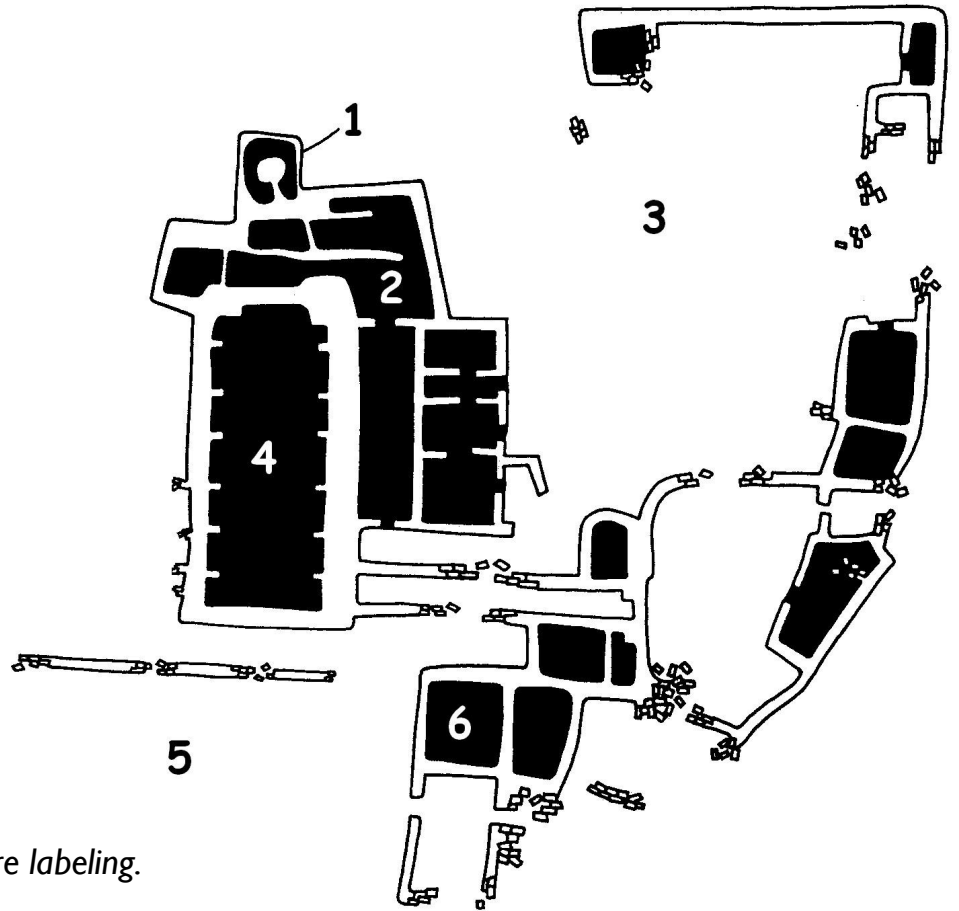
## The Franciscans

In the late 1500s, people from Spain (Spaniards) came to this area.

The Franciscans were an order of the Catholic Church. They believed that their main goal in life was to convert the Native Peoples of this land to Christianity.

The Franciscans later had the Jemez People build them a church. It was named San José de los Jemez.





*Write down what the numbers are labeling.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_



The Jemez People planted corn, beans, and squash. They used a farming technique known as *dry farming*, which means that they relied mostly on the moisture from rain.

The Spaniards introduced many new things to this area: Cows, sheep, watermelon, wheat, grapes, metal, and chile.

What kinds of things do *you* eat?

*Draw them below.*

## Gisewa Trail

*Use the Virtual Tour to answer the questions.*

What is an Horno?

What number on the trail is the Plaza?

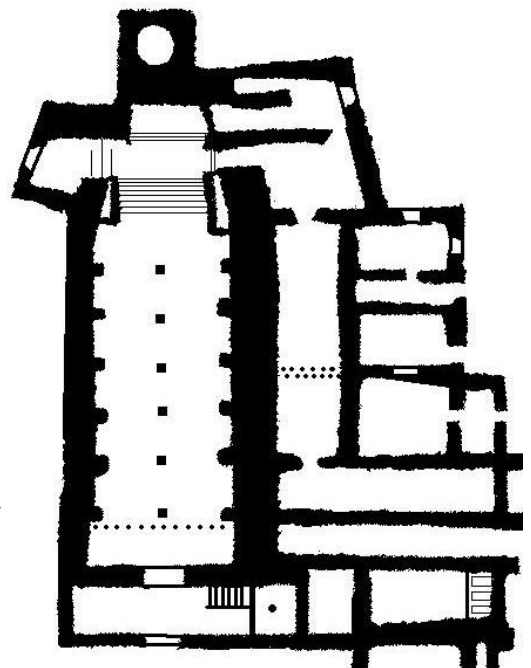
When was the church built?

What is a choir loft?

What number on the trail is the square kiva?

What does the picture below represent?

*Draw a circle around  
the bell tower.*



What kind of plants and animals did you see outside on the trail?

*Draw them below.*

## Word-Definition Match

*Write the letter of the word next to its definition.*

Sacristy **A**, Kiva **B**, Gisewa **C**, Selenite **D**, Retablo **E**, Nave **F**,  
Convento **G**, Plaza **H**, Pueblo **I**

- ♦ Underground structure used for ceremonies. \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Long central portion of a church. \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Wooden panel painted with holy figures \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Working and living quarters for the Missionaries \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Central area of a Pueblo \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Area for storing priest's books and sacred vessels. \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Thin transparent mineral used in windows. \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Place of the Sulphur \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Spanish word for village \_\_\_\_\_



*Draw what you think Gisewa Pueblo would have looked like when Jemez People were still living here.*



## Gisewa Word Search

*Find the 16 words listed below. The words go forward, up, down, and diagonally.*

S	W	E	D	C	G	U	Y	U	C	B	V	W	M	C
F	A	K	L	M	U	S	E	U	M	P	S	A	B	O
R	F	C	E	T	B	M	M	C	O	R	N	L	P	U
A	A	J	R	B	V	C	E	O	P	L	K	A	S	R
N	R	D	G	I	S	E	W	A	E	W	T	T	T	T
C	M	N	M	G	S	P	I	D	F	V	E	O	R	Y
I	I	J	K	E	V	T	F	Y	U	V	N	W	A	A
S	N	E	X	C	V	E	Y	R	A	Y	R	A	I	R
C	G	M	O	N	U	M	E	N	T	O	Y	R	L	D
A	Z	E	P	P	F	D	B	H	J	T	A	A	Z	X
N	J	Z	S	B	U	L	T	O	H	Z	Y	K	V	P
H	K	W	D	K	B	M	V	F	A	F	B	Y	D	C
V	V	I	S	F	Y	N	I	L	F	H	I	T	B	K
S	N	P	V	R	T	S	P	A	N	I	A	R	D	S
R	I	Y	F	A	C	H	R	V	C	B	H	D	V	N

**JEMEZ**

**MONUMENT**

**GISEWA**

**CORN**

**MUSEUM**

**NAVE**

**TRAIL**

**KIVA**

**SACRISTY**

**COURTYARD**

**PLAZA**

**SPANIARDS**

**FRANCISCAN**

**FARMING**

**BULTO**

**WALATOWA**

## Questions

Where are you from?

List 2 things that make this place different from your home.

1.

2.

Who were the people that lived here?

What is the name of the Pueblo?

What is the name of the church?

What sort of things did the Spaniards introduce to this area?

## Coloring page



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**Color the flute player**

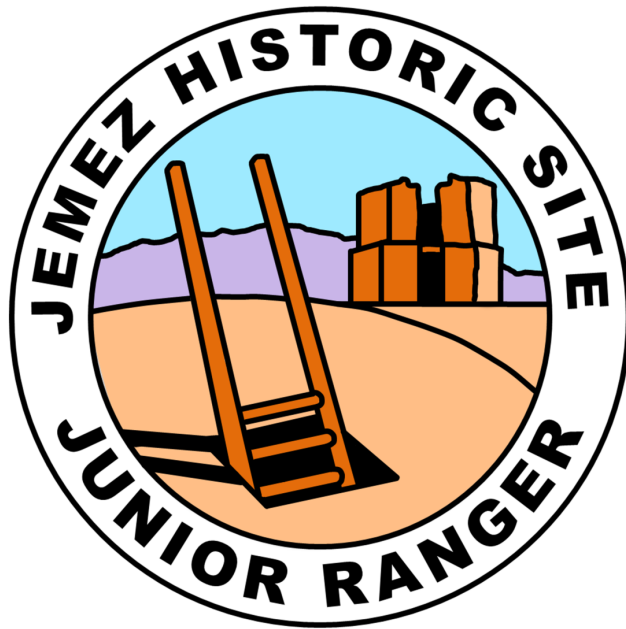




**This Certifies that**

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**Has completed at least  
6 Activities in the  
Jemez Historic Site  
Junior Ranger Activity Book**



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Staff Signature

Date

**Please Visit Other  
New Mexico Historic Sites**

**Coronado**

**Fort Selden**

**Fort Sumner/ Bosque Redondo Memorial**

**Lincoln**

**Fort Stanton**

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