# Taos Teen Media Camp June 6-11, 2005

The camp is a crash course on media production, giving teens an opportunity to first select issues that are important to them and that they wish to cover guided by master instructors who are professionals in the field. The participants will gather material for their media piece, either in Video, Audio or Print journalism, and then edit and create a final production piece to be showcased to the community. The camp is designed for interested beginner and advanced media producers. Each track is designed to assist and instruct youth in different levels of media: story development, interviewing, and editing. The radio and video track will train youth with a hands-on approach on recording equipment and editing software. The print will produce a publication. The purpose of this camp is for youth to EXPLORE the tools used in creating unique media in order to build the skills and confidence so that one can CREATIVELY express his/her voice. We understand that teens have a lot to share and say, and this is an opportunity to UNLEASH that VOICE. The result is a showcase of youth-produced media meant to provide them with ideas, tools and techniques to share with their own communities. Youth will also learn about how to self-publish and how to get their work published in the field.

**Who can apply?** Applications will be accepted for teens going into 9-12 grades next year in Taos County. (Sorry 2005 Seniors!) Because only 30 youth will be chosen (Questa, Peñasco and Taos) applications are competitive. We are looking for committed youth that are willing to work hard and have fun. Free of charge.

### Schedule is as follows:

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: deadline for applying May 15th: Teens will be notified June 6-10: Teen Media Camp meets 9am-5pm in Taos

June 11: showcase and dance party in Taos

## Master Instructors:

#### All areas:

Jimmy Santiago-Baca is award winning Poet, Author and Film/Script writer will provide inspiration & a writing workshop on the first day for all the tracks.

Several other media producers and educators will make guest appearances during the week.

#### Video

Peter Walker is a Digital filmmaker and Web Video Producer as well as a teacher. He has worked with the after-school discovery program and other youth video projects in Taos. Peter currently teaches digital video and humanities at Yaxche school. He has successfully created short films in Mexico, China, Vietnam and in the US. His work focuses on crosscultural themes and the do it yourself approach as a one-man producer/editor/you name it.

## Audio/Radio

Deborah Begel is a writer, radio host, radio engineer, and radio producer since the 1980's. Her experience working with youth since the 1990's, such as listening session, microphone Shoot-Out workshops, rural programs, and teaching interns in a radio station, is an asset. Deborah's radio work includes 3 years from reporter to news anchor for Pacifica's WBAI-FM in NY, News and Sports Director for WXPN-FM, in Philadelphia, and independent producer of stories for NPR, National Native News, LatinoUSA, Living on Earth and senior producer for the National Writer Project's Rural Voices Radio.

# Print/Writing

Kay Matthews is editor and publisher of La Jicarita News, a monthly magazine of environmental and social justice issues for the last 10 years, Kay has also had articles published in New Mexico Magazine, American Forests, Santa Fe Reporter, Mother Earth News, High Country News, and more. She has also has published 5 books on hiking in New Mexico and was Peñasco coordinator of the Taos Literacy Program. She has worked with youth in Truchas to write articles and put together a newspaper.

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