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Valles Caldera National Preserve Celebrates New Year's Eve

Jemez Springs, N.M.- On December 31, start a new tradition by attending the Valles Caldera National Preserve's *Fire & Ice New Year's Eve Celebration* from 6 PM – 1 AM. Fees are \$25/adult, \$20/senior (62+ years), \$15/youth (6-15 years) and free for kids 5 years and younger. Reservations are not required, but parking will be limited, so please carpool if you can.

There will be complimentary hot beverages, a variety of refreshments, and more. Fees include moonlit passes for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. We will have campfires blazing at the Valle Grande staging area, Missing cabin, and History Grove. At midnight, a 5-minute fireworks show will fill the skies above the Valle Grande, providing there is enough snow covering the ground. To protect the wildlife and the scenic value of the Preserve, we ask participants to not bring party favors or confetti. No fireworks or firearms are permitted on the Preserve at anytime without a special permit.

A majority of the event takes place outside on the skiing and snowshoeing trails under the moonlight, so please dress for extreme, high-elevation winter conditions. In case of cloud cover that night, participants are advised to bring headlamps.

The Preserve now has a limited number of snowshoes and poles available for rent. Rental fees are \$15 for adult-sized snowshoes and \$10 for youth-sized snowshoes. Currently, snowshoe rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis, but we hope to have rental reservations available online in the future.

For more information or to make reservations, please visit the Valles Caldera National Preserve website <http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/> or call 1-866-382-5537. The Valles Caldera National Preserve is now on Twitter.

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