

# Details of the 2008 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sunspot Reunion

You're invited to the first ever Sunspot Reunion for current and former employees of the observatory. The Reunion will be held the weekend of July 4-6, 2008 in Sunspot.

A myriad of activities has been planned for the reunion. We hope that you participate in any or all of the activities. Most activities have limited organizational structure (so you will have time for catching up with friends). However, for planning purposes, we need to have an RSVP for some events. Please send those RSVPs to Jackie Diehl ([jdiehl@nso.edu](mailto:jdiehl@nso.edu)) with a count of those attending each of the different events **no later than June 20, 2008**.

Each person will be responsible for lodgings and other meals. As a warning, due to the busy 4th of July weekend, Cloudcroft reservations should be made soon. Campgrounds are nearby and the Observatory will allow RV camping on a first come, first serve basis. There are only 3 or 4 hookups. Tent camping \*may be\* available at the air strip or at the trailer loop (no hookups, no restroom facilities), dependent upon fire conditions and the re-opening of the forest. (It is currently closed.) It is recommended that tent campers pursue utilizing Forest Service "hosted" campgrounds (such as Deerhead). Updated conditions of the Lincoln National Forest and campground information can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln/>

We invite you to contact any of the Reunion Committee should you have questions.

## The Reunion Committee

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# We Want You!

*(Schedule of Events on Back)*

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 4

- **Sunspot Picnic and Games.** *Cost is \$10/person* and is sponsored by the Sunspot Community Center Inc. (the community organization). Includes meal and games. Events begin at 10 a.m. with the meal to be served at 2 p.m. Lawn chairs encouraged! **RSVP requested** to [jdiehl@nso.edu](mailto:jdiehl@nso.edu)
- **Sunspot 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – No fee. Parade will be held on Coronal Loop. Children are encouraged to make their own float, ride in one of the fire trucks or the ambulance, decorate their bikes, etc. For more information contact Donell Long ([dlong@nso.edu](mailto:dlong@nso.edu)) or Ron Long ([rlong@nso.edu](mailto:rlong@nso.edu)).
- **Cloudcroft Light Opera Company (CLOC) Melodrama** – FREE. Event is held at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft at ~ 7 p.m. Note: This event repeats on Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6. <http://www.cloudcrofttheatre.com/>
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks** – Presented by the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo. FREE. [http://www.nmspacemuseum.org/events.php?view=detail&event\\_id=81](http://www.nmspacemuseum.org/events.php?view=detail&event_id=81)

### Saturday, July 5

- **NSO Hosted Brunch** - 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cost is \$5/person. Children 12 and under are free. Event will be at the Sunspot Community Center.
- **Free time** during the day to visit friends, go to the Space Hall of Fame, go hiking, etc.
- **2 p.m. Guided Tour of the Observatory.** Meet at the Astronomy and Visitors Center to be brought up to date with the NSO's latest news by current Observatory Director, Steve Keil.
- **Evening Picnic** - We will gather for a picnic at White Sands National Monument. Please bring your own brown bag suppers and beverages. We will reserve a site. Meet at White Sands entrance at ~ 6 p.m. \$3 entrance fee for those over the age of 15.
- **Evening Gathering.** (For those not going to White Sands) 8 p.m. Community Center patio. FREE. Bring your lawn chair, a nice bottle of wine, snacks for an evening of remembrances. Campfire if conditions permit.
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### Sunday, July 6

- **Sunday Farewell Coffee** 10 a.m. until noon at the Sunspot Community Center. Come say “farewell” as we look back at Sunspot “through the years.” Please bring your remembrances of those no longer with us.

### *Ongoing through the Weekend*

- **NSO Oral History** – Sunspot Community Center. Please come and share with us your remembrances of your work here at the observatory or life here at the observatory. Friday, July 4 and Saturday July 5. For more details, contact Dave Dooling, NSO EPO Officer, at [ddooling@nso.edu](mailto:ddooling@nso.edu)
- **Sunspot Reunion Digital Scrapbook.** Please bring your photos, other contributions, etc. to the Community Center. A digital scrapbook is planned with copies to be sold at the event. Electronic files encouraged! (jpegs, tiffs, gifs). Questions? Email Karin (Mauter) Canfield at [masscanfields@verizon.net](mailto:masscanfields@verizon.net).