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**Cimarroncita Announces 2006 Summer Season Programs, Rates:**  
**New Mexico Retreat Highlights New Programs, Directors, Amenities**

Cimarroncita, NM, April 11, 2006---Amid the scent of sage, the whisper of afternoon breezes, the big sky and open space of beautiful northern New Mexico, historic Cimarroncita will present a new and extensive series of programs this summer, it was announced today by Minnette Burges, an owner of the popular retreat.

With programs designed for every member of the family, and operating under the mantra “Roughing it Deluxe”, Cimarroncita’s custom-tailored long weekends and week-long sessions range from innovative and enjoyable ways to learn Spanish and practice travel writing, to immersion in effective preparation tools for college freshmen, the lure of fly-fishing the Dream Water of the Cimarron River, and the experience of the nostalgic adventure of a classic high country pack trip on horseback.

Nearby Taos is featured with emphasis on the art and culture of this Southwest mecca; mediation skills are honed through exercises in shifting lenses in “Advanced Mediation Techniques.” Women-only interests are the focus for “Adventures in Wellness”, “Rediscovering Beauty”, “As Your Spirit Moves You” and “Shifting Focus: Seeing the Inner and Outer Landscape.”

**2006 Summer Program Details include:**

***June 2-5 TRAVELING WITH YOUR PEN***

Admirable travel writing need not have an exotic foreign dateline. So says award-winning travel writer Tom Miller who offers practical writing workshops and one-on-one sessions as well as lively talks about favorite travel writers and books.

***June 9-12 PLAYING WITH SPANISH***

Bilingual Scrabble, Monopoly, Charades and more. Initiate, practice, or polish your Spanish speaking with Cuban native Regla Albarrán who mixes in music, dancing and cooking lessons just for the fun of it.

***June 16-19 HIGH COUNTRY PACK TRIP***

Explore by horseback the back country of Cimarroncita, camp out under the stars, learn about the natural and geological history of this rich valley.

***June 22-29 BRIDGE THE GAP: HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE***

High school graduates heading for their freshman college year are well prepared for success after this program which generates an attitude shift bringing disciplined focus to young students and preparing them to meet and engage with life opportunities.

***July 13-18 REDISCOVERING BEAUTY: THE PERFECTION AND IMPERFECTION OF LIVING A BEAUTIFUL LIFE***

Reconnect with your beauty and embrace your personal style. Anti-aging, nutrition, creating personal style, debunking beauty myths, looking five years younger in five days, and creating your own beauty rituals are among the daily programs. Intimate group lectures and individualized appointments for women embracing or letting go of beauty rituals.

***July 21-24 EXPLORING TAOS: DISCOVERING THE RICHES OF A CULTURAL OUTPOST***

Discover the cultural riches of this northern New Mexico outpost, home of artists who established the legendary artist colonies of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

***July 27-August 1 ADVENTURES IN WELLNESS***

Hiking, body movement and art to nourish your soul, refresh your mind, and strengthen your body.

***August 4-7 DREAM WATER FISHING CAMP***

Fish the legendary "Dream Water" of the Cimarron River with expert fly fishing guides. For all angler levels, there couldn't be a better way to begin, advance or refine your fly-fishing skills.

***August 11-14 AS YOUR SPIRIT MOVES YOU***

Delve a little deeper into the wholeness of the mind/body/spirit connection with Lisa Whitlow and Carol Lett. Get in touch with the influence of energy centers on the body/soul connection through guided imagery exploration, creative activities, journal exercises and storytelling.

***August 18-22 SEEING NEGOTIATION THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS: ADVANCED TECHNIQUES***

Add a new dimension to your negotiation skills; for lawyers and others who work to turn the negative impasse into a positive future. Learn practical advanced tools for being more effective, powerful and perceptive in your professional and personal life; practice "shifting lenses" to see from multiple perspectives. Continuing Legal Education credit available.

***August 24-27 SHIFTING FOCUS: SEEING THE INNER AND OUTER LANDSCAPE***

Stretch your "seeing" ability using photography, journaling, movement and spiritual practices with a small group of like-minded women. Open your senses and explore creative tools for activating your intuition, wisdom and insight.

**Private and Custom-Tailored Adventures Area Cimarroncita's Specialty**

Guided fly fishing on the "Dream Water" of the Cimarron River intrigues the beginner and expert alike. Guided hunting in the high mountain back country includes first-rate accommodations and hearty meals.

For private retreats and family reunions, guests will command the exclusive use of Cimarroncita's facilities, while delicious meals and customized activities enrich and facilitate every successful reunion, celebration, meeting or program.

Steeped in the Old West history of the wild town of Cimarron and the Santa Fe Trail, Cimarroncita nestles against and climbs up into the Sangre de Cristo range of the southern Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico at the heart of the Cimarron Canyon between Taos and Raton.

**Cimarroncita's Intriguing History - and Modern Adventure**

Originally the summer hunting grounds of the Ute Indians, the area became a turn-of-the-century tourist destination, lodging and dining facilities were constructed in 1908 for patrons of the St. Louis Rocky Mountain and Pacific Railway Resort.

In 1930 the land and the historic buildings were acquired by Minnette Thompson where she established Cimarroncita Ranch Camp for Girls in 1931, operating it with her husband Frank Burk with its partner, nearby Cimarroncita Ranch Camp for Boys. Both camps flourished for 65 years until 1995.

In 2001 Tucson attorney Minnette Burges, cousin and namesake of Minnette Thompson Burk, acquired Cimarroncita with the goals of honoring the history and integrity of this elegant outpost, preserving the land and the buildings, reinventing the use and expanding the recreation opportunities for guests at Cimarroncita. She and her husband Alán Huerta, a partner in the endeavor, have restored the historic buildings with careful attention to the original “Roughing it Deluxe” philosophy of Cimarroncita.

While the joys of the outdoors are still emphasized, the accommodations, cuisine and facilities now feature high thread count sheets, delicious meals with fresh local produce and program directors who are among the best in the nation.

This historic ranch retreat offers innovative wellness, cultural and training programs for women and men; private retreats for reunions, celebrations and meetings; as well as fishing and hunting opportunities.

For more details on scheduled programs or private retreats, call 1-866-376-2482, or visit [www.cimarroncita.com](http://www.cimarroncita.com).