Dear ***Navajo Nation Experience*** Participants:

As the seminar is drawing nearer, we would like to provide you with some additional information regarding travel, weather, attire, and other specifics.

**Travel Arrangements**

You will be staying at the Holiday Inn - Canyon De Chelly, Garcia’s Trading Post, Indian Route 7, Chinle, AZ 86503.  The hotel phone number is (928) 674-5000.  The hotel has free high speed internet.  The seminar will be taking place at the Chinle Unified School District Boardroom, Highway 191, Rt 7, Chinle, Arizona.  All meals will be provided from Friday evening through Monday afternoon.  ***Please let*** ***Tina Ochoa*** ***know if you have any food allergies so that we can try and make appropriate arrangements with the caterer.***

**Time Zone:**

Please be aware that Chinle, Arizona does not observe daylight savings time, like the rest of Arizona, because parts of the reservation extend into New Mexico and Utah.  With this in mind, it is currently and hour later in Chinle.

**Weather**
The weather forecast for the week of the seminar is:

1. Friday - Hi: 88° / Lo: 48°  - warm with partial sunshine
2. Saturday - Hi: 91° / Lo: 48° - mostly sunny and warm
3. Sunday - Hi: 91° / Lo: 48° - mostly sunny and very warm
4. Monday - Hi: 94° / Lo: 50° - partly sunny and very warm
5. Tuesday - Hi: 95° / Lo: 46° - sunny and hot

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as storms can quickly move into the desert and cool the temperature drastically.

 **Attire**
With the weather forecast and field trips in mind, we encourage casual attire.  Jeans, khakis, Capri pants, and shorts are appropriate, as well as comfortable footwear (tennis shoes and/or hiking boots as we will be touring the canyons that are sandy and can be muddy when it rains)...   As it can cool down in the evening, we suggest packing with layers in mind, short sleeves, long sleeves, and light/medium jackets and/or rain wear (depending on weather).  Lastly, given our tours in the canyon and occasional meal outside, we might also suggest wet wipes or hand sanitizer.

**Alcohol**

The Navajo government prohibits the sale, transportation onto and/or consumption of alcohol on the reservation.

**Cell Phone Coverage**

Due to the terrain of the area, cell phone coverage has been known to be interrupted or sporadic.

**Miscellaneous**

As we are exploring the culture and history of Canyon De Chelly, there will be a number of opportunities to purchase Navajo/Native American jewelry, pottery, etc…  Although some of the vendors will accept checks or credit cards, most only accept cash.

**Technology**

If you are planning on bringing a lap top, please note that there is no internet connection at the seminar conference room.

**Brief Overview of the Navajo Nation**

While you have been provided with a number of educational resources, we wanted to share with you a few links that we thought you might find beneficial prior to arriving in Chinle:

1. Navajo Nation Website ([www.navajo.org](http://www.navajo.org/))
	1. Click on History
	2. Click on the bottom of the History page – [www.discovernavajo.com](http://www.discovernavajo.com/)
	3. Click on the Official Navajo Nation Visitor Guide
2. The Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development ([www.navajobusiness.com](http://www.navajobusiness.com/))
	1. Click on Fast Facts
	2. Click on find out more about the Navajo History and culture
	3. Download “A Brief History and Dine Beliefs