

## **TRIPPERS CANYON DE CHELLY ADVENTURE MAY 22-24**

Led by Harriet and Jim Neal and Nancy Kellum-Rose

### **Day 1 May 22nd**

Meet at the Merc at 8am, drive to Shiprock parking area for photos, information from Jim and Harriet and depending on the time, a tailgate picnic . If we are early, continue to the Chuska Mountains for a lunch break. Drive the North Rim road where we will stop several times for overlooks and photos then continue on to the Chinle Holiday Inn. Free time until 6pm when we will gather for wine and appetizers in the leaders' suite. Please bring picnic food, wine and appetizers. Chinle and the entire Navaho Nation is dry and alcohol can only be consumed in the private rooms. There are several restaurants nearby for dinner and breakfast.

### **Day 2 May 23rd**

Breakfast on your own. Meet in the Holiday Inn parking lot at 8am for a 5 hour Jeep tour of the canyon. It will be chilly (high 40s) in the morning so bring warm clothes and your own water (80 ave. afternoon temp.). The tour costs \$75 each and will be led by Navaho guides. Tour returns at 1pm. There are several ways to drive to La Posada in Winslow but plan to be there for cocktails at 6 and dinner in the Turquoise Room at 7.

### **Day 3 May 24<sup>th</sup> (optional)**

Return directly Placitas or join an optional day trip(s) to other nearby sites suggested by the Neals, but chosen by attendees. Possible locations within an hour of Winslow include Homolovi Ruins, Meteor Crater, Grand Falls (higher than Niagara, if running), McCauley Sinks, Holbrook giant sinks, and Petrified Forest. Other more circuitous locations on the homeward trip could include Hopi Buttes, Monument Valley, and Valley of the Gods.

This trip includes many scenic and historic areas. To provide us with an introduction to its geology and history and some recommended reading, the Neals have graciously invited the group to an evening of information and wine at their home before we go. Date to be announced.

We have reserved a block of rooms at each hotel but need to know how many of you would like to join us so that we can confirm reservations at the hotels, restaurant and tour company. We have room for 30 so please RSVP to Nancy ([nancykrose@comcast.net](mailto:nancykrose@comcast.net)) by February 13. After that we will send you info on reserving your rooms and arranging for the Jeep tour.

**We hope you will join us on this wonderful adventure!**