

# JSP Schedule for Summer/Fall 2006

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## **Annual gathering for IMYM:**

We will be doing a seminar on service during the early days. We will be working with Tewa Women United in Poquaque, NM. The Tewa Women host a Gathering at the Pow-wow grounds where we worked with them and Erwin Rivera, former AFSC staff, to build a ramada for the spectators. The ramada is ready for some upkeep and the adobe benches need some patching. Bring some clothes suitable for playing in the mud.

## **Seri New Year:**

Like the O'otham people, the Seri believe that the New Year is marked by the fruiting of the large desert cactus, signaling the coming monsoon rains. Somewhat arbitrarily, for planning purposes, the last day of June has become New Year's Eve. This leads to two or four days of celebration ending on July 1. Dancing, feasting and games of chance fill the time during the celebration.

If you would like to join us for this festive time and do some service, contact me about this one. We expect to go for one to two weeks; maybe the week before, certainly the week afterward. Maybe June 28 to July 8 or 9, would be ideal. I am somewhat flexible at this time. Beside attending the celebration, we will be picking cactus fruit and mesquite beans in the mornings, swimming and sieasting in the afternoon and then milling the beans in the evening after it cools down again.

\$400 will cover your expenses from Tucson, AZ and back, assuming the eleven day project. We will meet in Tucson and drive down in our van to Mexico.

See Friends Bulletin, April 2006, for Iris Edinger's account of her Thanksgiving,, 2005 experience there.

## **Pine Ridge:**

There are a number of projects being considered here this summer. Tom Casey's house should be set on his land. The fascia on the One Feather house needs re-sealing. We would like to put a kitchen/bathroom addition on Joe American Horse's cabin. Philomine Lakota would like some benches built for the ceremonial grounds on her land.

We will try working out of Denver again. Join us there and drive up with us in the van. We are going to raise the price slightly, expecting gas prices to be higher. \$425 will get you picked up in Denver. You can also drive in from the East if that saves you money. Then price is negotiable. Actually, our price is always negotiable. If you would like to participate, but are put off by the cost, contact me about scholarship possibilities.

July 16 to 22

July 23 to 29

July 30 to August 5

August 6 to August 12

August 13...? Anyone interested?

**Harvest in the Sierra Madres:**

In the Sierra Madres of Mexico, many ranchers still make their living planting beans and corn. Planted in rocky fields, nurtured by the summer rains and picked by hand, the beans will be the food for the coming year and the excess will be the cash crop. Usually a small group of us go for one to two weeks the end of October and into November. We stay in homes of ranchers there, sharing the work and life for the time.

Firmer dates and more details will be announced later. Contact me if you have dates to suggest that will work for you.

**Thanksgiving:**

We have spent Thanksgiving with the Seris for many years now. It has been a time of good fellowship, but a time when there is little activity in the villages. This year, it has been suggested the we return to Louisiana for that week to work with the Biloxi-Chitimachas again.

Where would you rather spend Thanksgiving this year?