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**Governor Susana Martinez Announces Prizes in the
2014 New Mexico True Summer Reading Challenge**

Santa Fe – This week, Governor Susana Martinez and statewide community literacy partners sent award letters and prize packages to more than one thousand New Mexico students who participated in the 2014 New Mexico True Summer Reading Challenge for children.

The New Mexico True Summer Reading Challenge provides an opportunity for all New Mexico elementary school children, ages five through twelve, to earn prizes for reading. The challenge began on April 22 and ran through July 31.

Every participant who submitted a reading log will receive a New Mexico True bookmark and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. Readers who submit their reading log complete with information regarding the twelve books read, as well as a short essay explaining “Why I Love New Mexico,” also had their names entered in the random drawing to receive one of several grand prizes.

“It’s so important that our children learn to read well in order to build a foundation for success in academics, and ultimately, for success in the workplace and in life. As adults, we should always be looking for opportunities to encourage our children’s success and the prizes are reflective of New Mexico community leaders’ commitment to making learning a priority,” said Governor Martinez. “I am proud to join our statewide partners in rewarding children for reading throughout the summer months.”

The Grand Prize winners are students from:

- **All-expense paid family vacation to Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida**

Sonja Lovitt, 6th grade, Pinon Elementary in Santa Fe

- **All-inclusive family vacation to Red River**

Isaac Begay, 1st grade, Animas Elementary in Farmington

- **Real-life fossil digging adventure in Socorro with an overnight stay and boat ride in nearby Elephant Butte**

Claire Lindstrom, 3rd grade, Hope Christian in Albuquerque

- **Hot air balloon ride with Governor Martinez and a family four-pack of admission tickets to the Albuquerque Balloon Museum**

Logan Saiers, 1st grade, Painted Sky Elementary in Albuquerque

Grace Xie, 5th grade, Mountain Elementary in Los Alamos

- **Behind-the-scenes tour and a family four-pack of admission tickets to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History**

Jonathan DeLeon, 4th grade, Zia Elementary in Clovis

Yasmine Ackall, 3rd grade, Buena Vista Elementary in Alamogordo

Olivia Green, 4th grade, Agua Fria Elementary in Santa Fe

- **A Junior Zookeeper adventure at the ABQ BioPark Zoo**

Avery Marie Vigil, 3rd grade, Coronado Elementary in Albuquerque

Adam Nelson, 1st grade, Nizhoni Elementary in Shiprock

Hannah Taylor, 1st grade, St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho

Danika Encinias, 4th grade, Valencia Elementary in Portales

- **Meet a Lobo head basketball coach, free tickets to a Lobo basketball game, participation in a center-court ceremony at The Pit, and an autographed Lobo basketball**

Rainy Ferrell, 1st grade, Aspen Elementary in Los Alamos

Cate Broderick, 2nd grade, North Star Elementary in Albuquerque

Nanabah Yellowman, 6th grade, Ojo Amarillo Elementary in Fruitland

- **Meet an Aggie head basketball coach, free tickets to an Aggie basketball game, participation in a center-court ceremony at The Pan Am Center, and an autographed Aggie basketball**

Diego Romero, 3rd grade, Tombaugh Elementary in Las Cruces

Naomi Jackson, 1st grade, Bluewater Elementary in Grants

Reyana Narnanjo, 1st grade, Mountain Elementary in Los Alamos

These prizes were made possible by the State of New Mexico and its partnership with: the City of Albuquerque, the ABQ Bio Park, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Red River, the Elephant Butte Inn, the Marina Del Sur, X-Treme-Lee Fun Balloon Adventures, the University of New Mexico Athletic Department, and the New Mexico State University Athletic Department. The brochures for the reading challenge were made possible by the State of New Mexico in partnership with the Waite Company and Comcast Internet Essentials.



Governor Martinez with Christopher Beall and Anastacio Martinez, winners of the 2013 New Mexico True Summer Reading Challenge balloon ride.

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