

Calendar of Events

In Saguache County and the Surrounding San Luis Valley

Watch for dates & times of these annual events, in local papers, or, contact Chambers and Associations directly for more information.

Visitor Centers

Silver Thread Visitors Center, South Fork 719 873-5512 or 800 571-0881
SLV Information Center, Monte Vista 719 852-0660 or 800 214-1240

Chambers of Commerce

Alamosa County, Cole Park, Alamosa - 719 589-3681
Antonito - 719 376-5988
Center, Box 576, Center - 719 754-3137
Creede, 207 North Main, Creede - 719 658-2374
Del Norte - 888 616-4638 - <http://www.delnortechamber.com>
Monte Vista - 800 562-7085 - chamber@monte-vista.org - <http://www.monte-vista.org>
Saguache - 719 655-2805
South Fork - 800 571-0881 - southfrk@amigo.net - <http://www.southfork.org>

January

Alamosa Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
Crestone Moffat Business Association Annual Banquet
Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
SLV Cattlemen's Annual Banquet

February

Alamosa Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction
Cabin Fever Days, Creede
Cabin Fever Talent Show, Crestone/Moffat
Medallion Hunt, Creede
Potato/Grain Conference, Ski-Hi Park, Monte Vista
SnoFlake Festival, South Fork

March

Center Kiwanis Pancake Supper (February or March), Center - 719 754-3137

Creede Arts Council Concert Series, through October

Monte Vista Crane Festival, various activities, various times, Monte Vista - 719 852-3552

South Fork Kiwanis Chili Feed, South Fork Community Center, South Fork

April

Blanca/Ft. Garland Passion Play, Sierra Grande High School, Ft. Garland

Earth Week, Saguache County Land Fill (Week of April 22nd)

Spring Carnival, Center - 719 754-3137

May

Chamber Clean Up and Planting Day, Center - 719 754-3137

Del Norte Spring Fling, various activities, various times, Del Norte

Ft. Garland Military Encampment / Re-Enactment, Ft. Garland

Memorial Day Services, in the park, Creede - 719 658-2374

Monte Vista Elks Lodge #2456 South Colorado Shootout, Monte Vista - 719 852-2320

Mountain Man Rendezvous, Creede - 800 327-2102

Opening Day, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

Saguache Cty Museum Opening, Parade, 5-K Race, BBQ: Memorial Weekend, Saguache

Spring Balloon Fiesta, La Garita Creek Ranch, La Garita

Taste of Creede, Creede

June

AARP's 55 Alive Driving Class at Tri-County Senior Center, Monte Vista - 719 852-5778
Alamosa Roundup Rodeo & Demolition Derby, Alamosa Fairgrounds - 719 589-3581
Annual Express Car Show, Rainbow Express, South Fork - 719 873-5545
Annual SLV Co-ed Softball Tournament, Josa Zamora, 719 852-0741 (home) or 580-7873
Annual Spring Steam Festival, Antonito
Castles, Kites and Concert, Sand Dunes National Monument - 719 378-2312
Civic Club Tea Tasting, Silver Thread Interpretive Center, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Ducks Unlimited Greenwing/Wild Turkey Federation Jake Club Event, Monte Vista Co-op
Hospitality Room, Monte Vista - 719 754-3576
Gallopig Goose Run, C&T Railroad, Antonito
Inspiration Point Fine Art Show, Creede - 719 658-2374
Little Britches Rodeo, Rickel Arena, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Meet the Company of Creede Repertory Theater, Creede
Opening Night Creede Repertory Theater, Creede Repertory Theater, Creede
Ride the Rockies Bike Tour, Cole Park, Alamosa - 719 589-3581
San Juan Festival, various activities & times, Center Community Park, Center - 719 754-3137
Summer Biathlon - Creede - 800 327-2102 / 719 658-2100
Sunshine Festival, various activities, various times, Monte Vista - 719 852-2731
Volksmarch Seasonal Walk, Creede

July

4th of July in Crestone, Pancake Breakfast, Creep/Crawl Walk-a-thon, Parade
Festival in South Crestone Park, Benefit Dance at Fire Station - 719 256-4110
4th of July Celebrations, Alamosa, Del Norte, South Fork, Monte Vista, Creede
Antique Cowboy and Indian Artifact Auction, Creede - 719 658-2374
Christian Cowboy Camp, Rickel Arena, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Christmas in July, South Fork
Civic Club Fashion Show, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Colorado State Mining Championship, various activities & times, Creede - 719 658-2374
Friends of Creede Theater Arts & Craft Show, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Ft. Garland Celebracion de Cultura, Fort Garland

July, continued -

Gatorfest, Alligator Farm, Alligator Wrestling, Exotic Foods, Reptile Expo, Mosca - 719 378-2612
Historical Society Speaker, Creede Historical Society - 719 658-2855
Logger Days Festival & Craft Show/Music Concert, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Payne Antique Auction, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Pioneer Days, various activities, various times, Manassa
San Luis Valley History Fair, Adams State College - 719 587-7121
Ski Hi Stampede, Colorado's Oldest Rodeo, various activities & times, Monte Vista - 719 852-2731
Riders of Del Norte, Del Norte
Rocky Mountain Tomahawk and Knife Throwing Championship
Creede Civic Club Fashion
Santa Anna/St. James Celebration, San Luis Show, South Fork - 719 873-5512
SLV Pilots Association Fly-In & Air Show, Alamosa Airport
Trout Festival, Creede - 719 658-2374
Tour of Homes, Creede Child Care Center Benefit, Creede - 719 376-2277
Wild Flower Foray, South Fork - 719 873-5512
Woodcarver's Rendezvous, Creede - 719 658-2374

August

Annual Auction/Golf Tournament, Monte Vista Golf Course, Monte Vista
Annual Crestone Music Festival
Bighorn Tent City, C&T Railroad, Antonito

Crestone Music Festival first filled the valley with music in August, 1999.

Local, regional and national musical acts perform on the grassy expanse of the Los Cumbres (Baca Grande) Golf Course, along with food, a variety of vendors and loads of fun! The Crestone Music Festival continues to delight both valley residents and visitors.

Ft. Garland Encampment/Re-Enactment, Ft. Garland
Colorado Volunteer Encampment, Fort Garland
Covered Wagon Days, various activities, various times, Del Norte
Creede Caberet, Creede Repertory Theater, Creede
Creede Shady Ladies, Creede Repertory Theater, Creede
High Altitude Challenge 5 K, Alamosa - 719 589-3681
Mushroom Foray: Creede - 719 658-2374 South Fork - 719 873-5512

Fall Harvest Festival, Center - 719 754-3137

Craft & Event Booths, Food, Music, Carnival Games, Old Car & Tractor Shows, make for a full day of fun, the last Saturday of August. Various local groups host aspects of this festival as fundraisers... a great way to support the local community and enjoy a day of entertainment.

Old Stories, New Faces, Ft. Garland

San Luis Valley Fair, Ski Hi Par, Monte Vista - 719 852-2731

Snowshoe Shuffle, Creede - 719 658-2374

Trout Fest/Huck Finn Days, Creede

Volksmarch to Wheeler Geological Monument, Creede

September

Annual Acro Iris Arts and Crafts Fair, Labor Day, Antonito

Annual Crestone Energy, Trade & Art Fair, Labor Day Weekend, Crestone

Annual Handmade Tour, Saguache, 3rd Weekend - 800 214-1240 - <http://www.saguache.org>

Started in 1993, Handmade Tour is always held on the 3rd weekend in September in Otto Mears Park on Hwy 285. Artists display their work in the park and Community building. Live music, food booths, beer garden and country dancers have been featured.

Aspenfest Volksmarch, Creede

Bar D Wranglers Supper and Show, Del Norte Schools Garage, Del Norte

Early Iron Celebration, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

Fall Color Poker Run, San Luis Valley

Kawanabe Memorial Golf Tournament, Cattails Golf Course, Alamosa

Labor Day Weekend Block Party, Arts and Crafts, Creede

Mountain Run, Historical Society Bar Bash, Creede

Nicholas C. Creede Day, Creede - 719 658-2374

Peavine Flyer, Historical Train Ride and Lunch, Monte Vista, Center

Pike's Stockade Closing, Sanford

Salsa Fiesta, Creede - 719 658-2374

Tour of Homes, Creede - 719 658-2374

October

Children's Halloween Party, South Fork - 719 873-5512

Halloween Ball/Silent Auction for Baca Grande Volunteer Fire Dept., Crestone - 719 256-4110

Harvest Festival, various activities, various times, Monte Vista

Hunter's Chili Supper, South Fork

Moonlight Madness, Monte Vista

Police and Fire Spook house, Center - 719 754-3137

Potato Days, Monte Vista - 719 852-2731

November

Alamosa Chamber of Commerce Annual Autumn Elegance Fashion Show, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

Annual Holiday Bazaar - Desert Sage Restaurant & Community Center, Crestone - 719 256-4402

Chamber Lighting Contest, Center - 719 754-3137

Christmas at the Fort, Fort Garland

Chocolate Tasting Festival, Creede - 719 658-2374

Lighting of the Train, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

San Juan Art and Gift Walk, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

Starshine Festival, Ski Hi Park, Monte Vista

December

Annual Teddy Bear Parade, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

Carol Sing, Creede - 719 873-5512

Center Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Lighting Contest - 719 754-3137

Center Chamber Merchant Turkey Giveaway - 719 754-3137

Register at local merchants in Center from Thanksgiving to Parade Day. 30 turkeys are given away the day of the parade.

Christmas Light Competition, South Fork - 719 873-5512

December, continued -

Crestone Community Choir Performance - 719 256-4243

Festival of Lights, Ft. Garland

Hay Forage and Livestock Show, various activities, various times, Ski Hi Park, Monte Vista

Holiday Lighting, Creede - 719 658-2374

Mall Christmas Bazaar, Alamosa - 719 589-3681

Parade of Lights, Monte Vista, Antonito, Del Norte, Creede - 719 852-2731

Kiwanis Christmas Parade & Visit with Santa

The oldest parade in the Valley, 1 pm Main Street, Center **719 754-3137**
Santa visits with children and hands out goody bags, following the parade.
The Chamber serves hot cider, while you wait for Santa.

On-Going Events

Tri County Seniors: Senior Lunch Program, transportation to lunches, events, museum, shopping
311 Washington, Monte Vista - 719 852-5778

Mysterious Valley Forum, Crestone, 2nd Saturday each month - 719 256-4407

San Luis Museum & Cultural Center - 719 672-3611

Splashland Hot Springs, Alamosa - 719 589-6307

Thunder Valley, Mosca (car racing) - 719 852-2663 or 378-2578 or 852-0664

Transportation - Museum, Monte Vista - 719 852-2518

Additional Sources of Information

Rio Grande National Forest - 719 657-3321

Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge - 719 589-4021

Rio Grande Museum - 719 657-2847

Road Conditions - 877 315-7623