

## Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico IDA 2015 Annual Report

The Park continues to have a successful night sky program this year with increased focus on stewardship of our dark night skies. In addition to regular scheduled public programs, we hosted the National Park Service Intermountain region Regional Director along with BLM staff, a group of 47 local students participated in New Mexico's first-ever youth summit, and the Albuquerque Astronomical Society. We also conducted outreach to bring night sky appreciation to local communities by hosting events at Dine University in Crownpoint, New Mexico and Aztec Ruins National Monument.

Chaco Culture NHP and the National Park Service Night Sky program provided protection of our dark sky training to the Farmington, BLM Field Office. We're also working with the Farmington, BLM Field Office to have an opportunity to provide training to the Oil and Gas Industry in New Mexico.

Chaco provided 41 dark sky programs to 1688 visitors this year.

We continue to see increased interest in our dark sky programs. Chaco continues to strengthen our partnerships with the Albuquerque Astronomical Society and the Friends of Chaco as they support our dark sky programs.