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## CAPE Calendar of Events

August 1, 2019, Registration Deadline with PED (do not submit form yet, see below for details)

August 3, 2019, CAPE Back-to-Homeschool Picnic at Hoffmantown Church Park

October 18-20, 2019, Fall Family Retreat

[www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/](http://www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/)



February 3-7, 2020, TeenPact Leadership School

February 6, 2020, CAPE at the Capitol

May 16, 2020, CAPE-NM Graduation at Legacy Church

June 19-20, 2020, CAPE-NM Homeschool Convention

## July 22nd PED Update



In a continued effort to keep homeschooling freedoms in New Mexico, CAPE-NM noticed a new problem with the on-line registration form. The Public Education Department (PED) is trying to prevent families that do not have a parent with a GED or High School Diploma from registering as homeschoolers. While the law does state that the instructor must have a high school diploma or its equivalent, it does not state that the instructor must be a parent. CAPE brought this to the attention of our HSLDA attorney Tj Schmidt. Tj immediately sent a note to Karen at the NM PED, and she has agreed that they will put a note in the registration system that the instructor must have a diploma and that they will not continue to prevent families from registering as homeschoolers. This will allow NM families to continue homeschooling if they have a relative or family friend who is doing the homeschool instruction. We must all be vigilant to keep the homeschool freedoms we currently have in NM. At this time, CAPE still does not recommend anyone fill out the on-line notification form. We are hopeful that all items will be completed and appropriately addressed by PED no later than Wednesday, July 24th. While we realize this is very late, we appreciate everyone who is continuing to wait with us to allow PED to make these changes before we determine that sending the mail-in form is necessary again this year. If you do feel that you need to register now, and you are interested in filling out the paper form, you can find it at the new PED web site [webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Homeschool-Notification-Form-with-Statutes-6.25.19.pdf](http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Homeschool-Notification-Form-with-Statutes-6.25.19.pdf).

## Back-to-Homeschool Picnic



Back to school is rapidly approaching. CAPE-NM is hosting a back-to-homeschool picnic on August 3rd from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. This will be at the Hoffmantown Church Park at 8888 Harper Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. If you can join us, we ask that you email [jones@cape-nm.org](mailto:jones@cape-nm.org) to RSVP with the number attending and bring a bag of chips and a finger dessert to share (utensils will not be provided). CAPE will provide sandwiches and water.

## Fall Family Retreat



Good news! The CAPE Fall Family Retreat is happening this fall! The retreat will be October 18-20 in the Sacramento Mountains in southern NM. This retreat is a favorite for our family. Fun family games and activities. If you sign up for the meals (which is not required), then there is no cooking nor clean-up for anyone in the family. Sorry, you do still have to clear your plates, so you don't get off completely! Registration is underway for this favorite event for many families. If you are looking for cheaper options, then bring your RV or tent, and/or fix some/all of your own meals. There are common rooms with refrigerators and microwaves, so breakfast and lunch could be easy on your own. If you don't mind a grill, the camp has grills for you to make your own dinners. You can make this event fit the budget for your family. Registration details can be found at: [www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/](http://www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/)

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