

SWIFT

April 29 - May 3, 2019



Trip Overview

SWIFT participants enjoy learning about the geology, flora and fauna of the high desert and mountainous areas of New Mexico. The SWIFT experience allows students to gain independence and confidence as they face physical and social challenges beyond those normally found in the classroom or at home. This trip is a great opportunity for students to try new things, expand their friendship circles, learn about unique cultures and practice independence.

Students will camp and enjoy breakfast and dinner at Ghost Ranch (<https://www.ghostranch.org/>), a World Heritage Site frequently portrayed in Georgia O'Keefe's artwork. Ghost Ranch is situated in a scenic location perfectly suited for daily excursions through New Mexico.

Payment, travel and sleep accommodations will be arranged through Grand Classroom (<http://grandclassroom.com/>).

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1: Acoma Sky City
- Day 2: Toni Roller's Pottery Studio and Santa Clara Pueblo
- Day 3: Corn Dance and San Felipe Pueblo
- Day 4: Mesa Prieta Petroglyphs
- Day 5: Ghost Ranch Hikes and Dinosaur Dig

SWIFT Meetings:

- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Wednesday, October 3, 2018 - **Parents**
- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Thursday, March 14, 2019 - **Chaperons**
- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Thursday, April 4, 2019 - **Parents, Students & Chaperons Final Meeting**

\$99 deposit due by October 19th

Total cost: \$1,997 by February 18th

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a chaperone, please contact Mr. Jeff Nolan via email at jnolan@rhoadesschool.com.

Volunteers must submit a background check and a negative TB test result.