



**June 9-13, 2014**

***Expanding Connections: Southwest Ancestral Landscapes in Mesa Verde Country***

The Colorado Preserve America Youth Summits provide engaging on-site interactive learning experiences for students, teachers and service leaders by involving them in study of local history, historic preservation, cultural conservation and heritage tourism issues that fosters leadership and motivates community efforts. Participants selected through a competitive application process are offered community service hours and full scholarships for all program costs, including meals, transportation and lodging.

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***Expanding Connections: Southwest Ancestral Landscapes in Mesa Verde Country*** will bring Colorado middle and high school students to Mesa Verde Country to visit archaeological sites and evaluate the challenges of preserving and protecting public lands of international importance. During the Summit participants will:

- Explore internationally **famous archaeological sites**
- Learn about the **Ancestral people** and their culture
- Investigate **interpretative approaches** for National Parks and historic places
- Walk prehistoric villages at **Hovenweep National Monument**
- Evaluate the **visitor experience** at Chimney Rock National Monument
- Consider **balancing land use** at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument
- Study new programs and facilities at **Mesa Verde National Park, A World Heritage Site**
- Undertake learning activities at **Crow Canyon Archaeological Center**
- Meet with **volunteer organizations** working to save and share sites
- Contribute to an **ambitious service project** at Old Fort Lewis
- Understand **scientific advancements in archaeology**
- Consider **future strategies** to better share and save historic and cultural places
- Experience the **remarkable landscape** of the southwest
- Gain knowledge and **leadership experience**
- Report out new ideas at a **Town Hall with leaders and officials**
- **Have fun!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED! Application Deadline: April 25, 2014**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTP://:COLORADOYOUTHSUMMIT.VIRB.COM](http://coloradoyouthsummit.virb.com)**

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