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CRIA Lecture Series with Jon Ghahate: *The Pueblo Revolt: America's First Revolution*

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Pagosa Springs, CO – Chimney Rock Interpretive Association invites the public to an engaging and thought-provoking evening with presenter **Jon Ghahate** on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**, as he explores one of the most significant—and often overlooked—events in North American history: “The Pueblo Revolt: America's First Revolution”. The lecture will take place at the **Pagosa Community Methodist Church Fellowship Hall** located at **434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147**. Doors open at **5:45 PM**. The lecture begins at **6:00 PM**.

This compelling presentation examines the historic 1680 Pueblo Revolt, an organized uprising that occurred nearly a century before the American Revolution. In a remarkable demonstration of unity and determination, Pueblo communities joined together to reclaim their autonomy and drive Spanish colonial forces from their ancestral homelands.

Ghahate will discuss how the revolt represented a powerful assertion of sovereignty and self-determination in response to the Spanish encomienda system and religious oppression. Although the conflict lasted less than a month, its lasting impact shaped Pueblo history by strengthening cultural identity, preserving language and traditions, and reinforcing the resilience of Pueblo people for generations to come. Attendees will gain valuable historical insight while exploring a broader understanding of revolution, resistance, and independence in North America through the enduring legacy of Pueblo communities.

The lecture is part of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's educational lecture series, which brings leading scholars and cultural experts to the community to share the rich history, archaeology, astronomy, and cultural significance of the Four Corners region.

This event is **free and open to the public**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history etched into the stone landscapes of the Southwest. The lecture will be offered both in person and via Zoom. Community members who wish to attend virtually may do so using the following Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5210476574?omn=83592279580>

The lecture is free to attend. Donations are accepted in lieu of an admission fee. Food items or monetary donations for the church's food pantry are greatly appreciated.

CRIA's free Lecture Series offers the opportunity each year for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) and the San Juan National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, are working in partnership to preserve and develop educational opportunities about the significant archaeological, cultural, geological and biological resources at Chimney Rock National Monument. CRIA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer association and receives no funding from the US Government.

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