el Nido del Pino



Guest Guide

Enjoy el Nido

Welcome to "*el Nido del Pino*" (the Nest in the Pines). We sincerely hope you have a comfortable, enjoyable and relaxing stay. As you can assuredly tell, we're proud of our little enclave in the mountains. We take very good care of it. We hope you do too.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Guest Guide so you'll be fully prepared to take advantage of all of *el Nido's* benefits and functions. Please pay special attention to the section on Emergency numbers and contacts. In the event of a real emergency, people generally don't have the time to peruse guest guides.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, we encourage you to let us know. Also, if you find any items that require maintenance or upkeep, we ask that you share those discoveries with us at your earliest convenience.

In the words of a Navajo blessing, "Hence forth shall you walk in beauty." Welcome.

Howard Jones & Liz McCarty

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Getting to el Nido

From the Phoenix area, you can drive about seventy miles north to Payson then eighty miles east to Show Low or you can drive eighty miles east to Globe and then seventy-five miles north to Show Low! Both routes take roughly the same amount of time and each is awesomely scenic. However, each has its own unique character. You may want to take one route up and the other one back. If you've never driven the routes before, they put the crown on your trip to the White Mountains.

The Payson route offers great views of the McDowell Mountains, Red Mountain, Four Peaks and numerous others. Once you head east out of Payson, you begin your climb up to the Mogollon Rim and the tall pine forest.

A serious word of caution: Once you reach "The Rim", game abounds, especially elk. A collision between an elk and a car is not recommended; both parties generally lose in that confrontation. Your chances of confronting elk on the road are much higher after dark and shortly before sunrise. If you must drive at that time, watch your speed and be prepared to stop suddenly. Use great caution.

The drive via the Globe route is also very scenic. With views of the Superstition Mountains (The Lost Dutchman's gold remains lost – if it ever existed in the first place) and some beautiful canyons and vistas, you can fill up on delectable eyecandy from start to finish. Once you get to Miami and Globe (historic old mining towns) and turn to the north, you gradually climb toward the Mogollon Rim. About half way to Show Low, you enter the Salt River Canyon. For the next ten miles, you're exposed to breath-taking beauty as you descend into the canyon and climb back out. There are pull-outs for picture taking and absorbing the magnificent views.

Regardless of the route you select, you ultimately arrive in Show Low (yes, it was named after the turn of a card). In the heart of Show Low, Highway 260 takes a turn southward toward Pinetop-Lakeside. You're almost home. Turn right at the light. 13.2 miles later, you'll come upon Buck Springs Road. A left turn followed by a right turn less than 300 yards on and you'll see the big elk statue atop the waterfall. You're upon the gate and el Nido waits for you on the left 300 yards distant. Welcome home.

One final comment on your trip to the White Mountains. The area has an extremely rich and colorful history. Those old enough to remember the classic westerns of book, movie and TV fame where the plots revolved around the wars between the cattlemen and the sheep herders may have assumed they were contrived for entertainment value. Not true! They were based upon a long sequence of true events now referred to as "The Pleasant Valley War". That "war" had the White Mountains as its epicenter. Not unlike the famed feud between the Hatfields and McCoys in Appalachia, the history of The Pleasant Valley War provides more than just entertainment. The chronical opens a window into the heart of the history of the American West and the early years of this country. If you have even a passing interest in American history, I recommend researching the subject a bit before your arrival. Although there are numerous treatises on the subject, I recommend, "A Little War of Our Own" by Don Dedera. You can find it on Amazon.

Upon Your Arrival

Assuming your check cleared the bank and you haven't said or done anything horrible (like root for the Wolverines over the Spartans in a sporting event), you

have already been given keys and/or codes to get into the gate and the property. If you used the keysafe to enter el Nido, please be sure to return the key to the key-safe immediately and make certain it is secured and locked.



The key-safe is located on the north side of the home (left as you're facing the house or for you sailors, starboard as you steer the ship westward). Open the key-safe door by sliding it down, enter the code, and press the black release level downward. The key-safe should pop open. When returning the key, don't forget to scramble the numbers.

The foyer area just inside the front door has a piece of furniture that contains the spare keys, garage and gate openers. Lift the wood top to find the keys. Please be certain that upon check out, they are all returned to that cabinet.

Familiarize yourself with the location of the light switches throughout the house. Some wall switches control the ceiling fans located throughout. During most of the summer months, ceiling fans and open doors are sufficient to keep the home very comfortable. However, in the event heat (or rarely air conditioning) is needed, the control for the heating and cooling units is located on the foyer wall just before reaching the kitchen. If you do turn heat or air conditioning on, please be sure to keep doors and windows closed during its operation. We'd hate to be responsible for changing the climate of the forest and/or bankrupting us when utility bills come due.

Opening Up the Cabin

When first arriving at el Nido, go to any sink in the house. Turn on the water. If water flows, you're done. If it doesn't, the odds are it is turned off. These are the steps you must go through to turn it on.

- Locate the water valve tool in the garage. It should be located in the northwest corner of the garage by the garage door. Please don't forget to return the tool to the same location once the task is completed.
- 2. With tool in hand, find the water valve at the northwest corner of the house. It is encased in a black PVC pipe and



has a yellow and white marker rod next to it. Unscrew the cover on the pipe. Carefully



position the tool on the valve. (A flashlight may be useful in doing this.) Turn the value 90°. Replace the PVC cover on the pipe. Replace the valve tool to the northwest corner of the garage. You should probably hear water flowing (hopefully) inside the pipe immediately.

3. Once you are certain you have water flow at the sink inside the house, WAIT AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES before turning on the water heater. If the heater is turned on before the unit fills with water, the heating elements will burn out and your showers will forever be cold. Open the breaker box located on the north side of the house. FLIP ON THE BREAKER



IDENTIFIED AS "WATER HEATER" (see photo). Close and latch the breaker box door.

High Altitude

If you're unaccustomed to altitude, you may notice it for a day or two. El Nido sits at an elevation of nearly 7,200 feet in the mountains. When people ascend from sea level, it's not uncommon for them to experience mild headaches for a day or two. You may find yourself out of breath sooner than normal. The body adjusts after a day or so and these symptoms generally disappear. If they persist or are severe, you may want to go light on the exertion until your body becomes fully acclimated to the altitude.

Another effect of high altitude manifests itself in the kitchen. At sea level, water boils at 212°. At 7,200 feet, water boils at less than 200°. When you're boiling an egg, the water's not as hot and the process is going to take longer. The same applies to cooking vegetables, rice, pasta and a variety of other ingredients. You're going to have to cook things longer.

Emergencies

In the event of an urgent emergency, dialing **"911"** on the house phone should put you in immediate contact with the Navajo County Sheriff's office.

There are three landline phones in the house. The phone number for incoming calls is: **928.358.4553.**

If there is an urgent need to contact us, we can be reached at the following numbers:

Home:	480.459.5974
Cell (Liz):	480.294.8956
Cell (Howard):	480.436.2468

If there is an urgent need relating to the development in general, contact the property manager:

Jim Rathbun: 928.242.4174

There is a **First Aid kit** located in the hall closet just outside the master bedroom. In the (hopefully unlikely) event you need to use it, please advise us as to what needs to be replaced. We want to keep it fully equipped.

There is another, smaller First Aid kit located in the cabinet closest to the refrigerator in the garage.

Be aware that (in my opinion) there is a slight safety hazard associated with the use of the stairs. Our government has been kind enough to protect us from ourselves by insisting handrails can be easily gripped. As a result, the builder was obliged to install a smaller parallel handrail. Unfortunately, it was necessary to install a small block of wood to stabilize the rail. When descending the stairs, it is easy to overlook the existence of this block and hit your hand on the block. You'll soon learn to anticipate the wood block, but until you do, please take the government's name in vain rather than mine.

In the event of a power outage, flashlights are available at strategic locations throughout the house.

The home is equipped with fire extinguishers. One is located in the cabinet directly below the kitchen sink. The other is sitting next to the water heater/furnace platform.

One final emergency condition occurs when someone attempts to light a cigarette within the confines of el Nido. If this occurs, a small pack of monkeys armed with

razors will descend from the attic area and attempt to filet everyone present. They will also hit the "Tenant has been evicted button". This is a VERY SERIOUSLY NON-SMOKING PROPERTY.

Parking

The Homeowner's Association prohibits "on street" parking. Kindly park your car(s) in the garage or in the driveway. In the event you have more guests than can be accommodated in the garage and/or driveway, there is additional parking just outside the entry gate. It is a short and pleasant walk from the gate to el Nido.

Gate Operation

In addition to using the gate opener, you may open the gate by entering the code you have been given. You may also share that code with your family and/or guests. When leaving, be aware the gate opens inward. If you pull too close to the exit gate, it will attempt to open, but will end up in an argument with the grill of your vehicle.

If guests arrive without a code, they may perform a "look-up" by scrolling through the resident's name at the gate and selecting "Jones, Howard" and pressing

"Call". If you get a call on the home phone from someone at the gate, you may grant access by pressing "*9" on the phone keypad.

Garbage and Trash

Waste must be hauled (by you!) to one of the dumpsters. There are two dumpsters for your use, one at each end of Timber Line



Road (the street that runs parallel to Buck Crossing Way), also known as "the other street" in the development. The HOA asks that all garbage be enclosed in garbage bags and that any boxes discarded be broken down such that they lay flat in the dumpster.

Internet Operation

El Nido is equipped with very high speed internet access and Wi-Fi. Your Wi-Fi password should have been given to you along with your other access information. If not, email <u>howard.jones@svTempest.com</u> to request it (which could be challenging if you don't have internet access). You may also call if necessary. If you are mathematically inclined, you can also deduce it by creating a ten digit Fibonacci sequence seeded with the day of my birth.

All televisions in the home are internet enabled. Hence you may access NetFlix, YouTube, and myriad other internet channels on the TVs.

Fireplace Operation

On cool evenings, it may be comforting to lounge in the living room with a warm

fire. I'm sure I don't have to point out that natural gas calls for the utmost respect. To lite the fireplace, the following steps must be executed:

- Remove the grate at the base of the fireplace. You'll see further instructions on a metal plate by the control unit.
- 2. Using the "key" in the wall to the left of the fireplace, turn on the gas by turning the key in a counter-clockwise direction.
- 3. Turn both wall switches to the right of the fireplace to the on position. One (left)





controls the gas safety shut-off valve; the other (right) controls the fan.

- 4. Turn the metal knob on the control unit to the "ignite" position. Press and hold the metal knob while pressing the red igniter button. Repeat this until you see the pilot flame appear in the middle of the fireplace log assembly.
- 5. Once the pilot has ignited, continue to hold the metal knob down for about ten seconds. This allows the pilot flame to bring the gas safety value to a temperature that permits continuous gas flow.

6. Release the metal knob. If the pilot light goes out, repeat step #5 as the safety valve hasn't yet reached the necessary temperature. If the pilot light remains lit, turn the metal knob to the next position, i.e., the "run" position. Use the knob to adjust the flame height in the fireplace. Replace the metal grating and enjoy.

To turn off the fireplace:

- 1. Remove the metal grating and turn the metal knob to the "off" position.
- 2. Use the key in the wall to the left of the fireplace to close the gas valve by turning it clockwise until securely closed.
- 3. Turn the two wall switches to the right of the fireplace to the off position.
- 4. Replace the metal grate.

If you smell gas, double-check that you have performed all steps, especially the closing of the master valve to the left.

The Kitchen

When you check-in, chances are there will be a variety of "consumables", including alcohol, in the kitchen and pantry areas. These are yours to use. If you find it necessary to purchase additional consumables, you are welcome to take them with you when you leave or you may choose to do what others have done for you and leave them for the next guests.

Those consumables that are spoilage prone should be disposed of prior to your departure. You're probably not doing the next guests any favors by leaving them spoiled milk, rotten lettuce, moldy fruit. Thanks for helping on this one.

From a safety standpoint, note that you'll have high quality Wusthof kitchen knives. These are normally kept in extremely sharp condition. If your knife skills are not the best, refer to the section on where the First Aid kit is stored.

We'll also appreciate it if when returning silverware, plates, etc., to the storage cabinets, you make certain they have been sufficiently cleaned.

There is an electric barbecue located on the rear patio. Please make sure that it has been turned off after each use.

Departure Checklist

Immediately prior to your final departure, please check that the following steps have been taken:

- All lights have been turned off and all water faucets have been checked to make certain no water is running. (Also check toilets to make sure they're not running.)
- 2. The thermostat has been set to the "heat" position and the temperature is set to 55°.
- 3. All beds that have been slept in are NOT MADE. Cleaning staff assumes a made bed has fresh sheets and won't change them.
- 4. ALL KEYS, GATE AND GARAGE DOOR OPENERS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE KEY STORAGE AREA. Also confirm that the key remains in the key-safe.
- You have noted any required maintenance on this sheet. Upon occasion, someone will break a wine glass or a plate. This is generally considered "normal wear and tear" and isn't deducted from security deposits. However, it is nice if we know what needs to be replaced.
- 6. Upon your final departure from el Nido, please take all garbage and trash and deposit it into one of the dumpsters.
- 7. You have written your comments in the Guest Book.
- 8. Finally, a critical final step as you depart. Unless you have specifically been not to turn off the water, please carefully follow the steps on the following page, "Closing Up the Cabin".

Closing Up the Cabin

A water leak in an empty cabin can be devastating. We ask that the last thing you do when you leave *El Nido* is Turn Off the Water supply and the water heater. To accomplish this critical task, follow the steps below.

- 1. Open the breaker box located on the north side of the house (for you sailors, that would be the starboard side). TURN OFF THE BREAKER IDENTIFIED AS "WATER HEATER" (see photo). Close and latch the breaker box door.
- 2. Locate the water valve tool in the garage. It should be located in the northwest corner of the garage by the garage door. Please don't forget to return the tool to the same location once the task is completed.
- 3. With tool in hand, find the water valve at the northwest corner of the house. It is encased in a concrete sleeve and has a yellow and white marker rod next to it. You can use the base of the tool to lift the metal cover on the valve box. Carefully position the tool on the valve and gently turn it clockwise until the

perpendicular to the water pipe entering the meter. Replace the metal

metal ridge on the valve is

cover on the valve box. Replace the valve tool to the northwest corner of the garage. The house should now be "winterized" and

protected from freezing and other water system hazards.

4. Set the cabin temperature to 55° before leaving. Thank you.







el Nido - Inventory

Something to cook with:

Aprons (2) **Bag closers** Baking Sheets (3) - 2 half & 1 quarter Basting brush (2) **BBQ** spatula BBQ scraper/cleaner **BBQ** tongs Beverage pitchers (4) - 2 glass, 2 plastic Bottle caps (2) Bottle/drink can opener Bread basket Broiler pan (2) Butter dish Can opener Candy thermometer Carving forks (3) Ceramic cookie jar Cheese slicer Cheese spreaders (4) Chopper Coffee measure (3) Colanders (2) - metal & plastic collapsible Cook books 1,000 Classic Recipes, Basha Family Cook Book, The Margaret Fulton Cookbook (metric measures), Feast of Santa Fe, Crème de Colorado, Cooking in Paradise, The Garlic Lovers' Cookbook, The Soy Gourmet, Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics, Baking Illustrated Cookie sheet Cooking utensil – plastic Cooking utensils – wooden (5) Cooling rack Cork screws (5) Custard cups (2) Cutting board – polypropylene (2) Cutting board - wood **Dish cloths** Dish drying mat **Dish towels** Fruit bowl – decorative black Funnel Garlic press

Glass baking dish (9x13) Grater – box style Grater – hand Grater - spice Honey dipper Hot pads and trivet Ice bucket and tongs Ice cream scoop Jar opener (2) Kitchen shears Kitchen snippers Knife block Knife – Ikea chef Knife – acrylic paring Knives – Wusthof – set of 7 Knives – Wusthof steak - 6 Ladle Lemon/lime juicer Mandolin Measuring cup - 2 cup liquid (2)Measuring cups - dry Measuring spoons Meat tenderizer Meat thermometer Mixing bowls – glass (4) Mixing bowl – plastic (2) Mixing bowls – stainless (5) Muffin pan Orange peeler Oven mitts (2) Pancake turner – metal Pancake turner – plastic Pancake turner - silicon Paper towel holder Pasta server/measurer Pie pan – glass Pie pan – metal (2) Pizza cutter Placemats (6) & napkins (10) Potato masher Pots & pans- Analon non-stick (12-piece) Prep Bowls (2) Refrigerator/left-over containers Rolling pin Salt & pepper grinders Salt & pepper shakers – (2) Sharpening steel Slotted spoons (2)

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Spatulas – silicon (3) Spoon – large plastic Steamer Strainer (2) Sugar bowl and creamer Tea kettle Tongs (4) Vegetable peelers (3) Whisk - metal Whisk – silicon Wok

Appliances

Blender – Breville Can opener - Cuisinart Coffee grinder – Mr. Coffee Chopper – Black & Decker Coffee maker - Cuisinart Crock pot – Rival – large Crock pot – Rival - small Food processor – Cuisinart Hand mixer - KitchenAid Stand mixer – Oster Toaster - Cuisinart

Something to drink with:

Beer glasses (6) – 2 large, 4 small Beer mugs (3) Champagne flutes (4) Coffee cups (16) Cordial glasses (13) Juice glasses (3) Margarita glasses (6) Martini glasses (2) Port glasses (2) Red wine glasses (15) Rock glasses (6) Shot glasses (3) Water glasses (12) White wine glasses (9) Wine decanters (2)

Something to eat with:

Appetizer plates (4)

Casserole dishes – New Orleans theme (4) Dessert bowls – China (10) Dessert bowls - New Orleans theme (3) Soup bowls – New Orleans theme (4) Soup mugs – Chili pepper (4) Silverware service for 8 Spoons, soup spoons, knives, butter knives, forks, salad forks Chop sticks (4) Dinnerware service for 8 Dinner plates, salad plates, pasta/soup bowls Dinnerware service for 6 (Glass) Dinner plates, salad plates, bread plates, cereal bowls, fruit bowls Chargers (6)

Something to serve with:

Appetizer platters (3) – rectangular, square, round Cheese keeper Chip & dip bowl - Sombrero Dip bowls (2) Gravy bowl – china Gravy bowl – metal w/ladle Salad bowl – ceramic Salad servers Serving bowls (5) Serving platters (4) Serving spoons (6) Soup terrine Tongs

Something for comfort, convenience and entertainment:

Each bedroom has an alarm clock Each bathroom has a blow dryer and magnifying makeup mirror Bathroom scale Clothes hangers Iron and ironing board Clothes drying rack Vacuum cleaner (Shark) Ice Chests (2) Blankets and throws Books Games Jigsaw puzzles Hand weights – 3 lb. (2) Yoga mat and blanket Guitar Hiking poles (4) Pool towels Umbrellas (4) Flower vases (8) Sewing kit First Aid Kits Flashlights

El Nido Furnishings

Entry

Wooden Hall Stand for Coats, Hats and Umbrellas

Living Room

Sofa Chairs (2) Coffee table End table Low table High table Bar stools (2) Lamp Television

Dining Area

Table with leaf and six chairs Buffet

Master Bedroom

King bedroom set with built-in headboard and drawers Triple drawer dresser Chair Table Alarm clock Television

Laundry Room

Kenmore 90 Series clothes dryer Kenmore 90 Series clothes washer

Guest Bedroom (downstairs)

Queen bed with iron headboard Nightstand Black faux leather storage bench Reading lamp Alarm clock Television

Guest Bedroom (upstairs)

Queen bed with pine pole headboard and rails Nightstands (2) Double drawer dresser Wooden bench Lamps (2) Alarm clock

Upstairs Hall

Table Lamp

Upstairs Office/Game Room

Desk Desk chair Recliners (2) End table Bookcase Television on table Folding table and four folding chairs

Patio Areas

Chairs – green (4) Chairs – metal (2) Glass top dining table with 6 chairs Electric grill