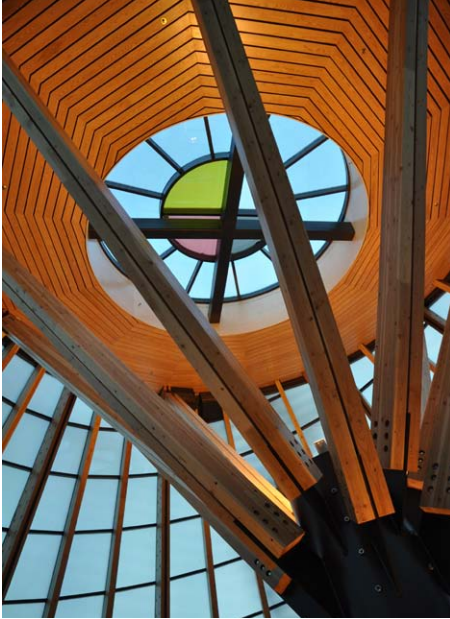




SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

IGNACIO, COLORADO

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum—inspired by the Southern Utes’ powerful connection to their land—was developed to conserve, promote and share their unique cultural gifts.

The design is based on the Circle of Life, a theme central to Ute life. The central conic form—emanating from multiple cultural sources including the teepee, wickiup, and woven basketry—is constructed to allow it to glow inward by day and outward by night. The two wings emulate an eagle and embrace a courtyard landscaped with native plants and a stream.

The Cultural Center and Museum gives voice to the Southern Utes, preserving their story so that future generations will know what it is to be Ute—while also promoting regional tourism and educating visitors about their vibrant culture.

FACTS

- Opened May 2011
- 54,000 square feet
- Galleries
- Storytelling room
- Classrooms
- Library
- Curatorial facilities
- Native plants demonstration garden
- Administrative suite

BENEFITS

- Offers cultural education
- Builds community identity
- Tells local truths

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