

NEW MEXICO STATE TO PLAY AT SANTA ANA STAR CENTER FEBRUARY 8

Tickets on sale Friday, November 13

(RIO RANCHO, NM, Nov. 12, 2015) – The defending outright Western Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Champion New Mexico State Aggies will play their regular season game against Northern New Mexico at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho, N.M. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, February 8.

Reserved seats start at \$10, with center court seats going for \$20. A limited number of courtside seats available at \$50 through the NM State Box Office at 575-646-1420. Tickets will go on sale 10 a.m. Friday, November 13 by calling 888.694.4849, online at www.SantaAnaStarCenter.com, in person at the Don Chalmers Ford Box Office or Santa Ana Star Casino Players Club. Fans can sign up for the Santa Ana Star Center VIP Club e-newsletter at www.SantaAnaStarCenter.com for a special venue pre-sale Thursday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The contest is the first regular season neutral site game the Aggies have played in the state of New Mexico since 1955. The NM State Athletic Department has targeted the greater Albuquerque area in an effort to provide the large number of Aggie alums and fans in northern part of the state access to Aggie basketball.

NM State and Northern New Mexico have the privilege of playing the first regular season collegiate men's basketball game inside the Santa Ana Star Center that opened in October 2006.

"This is a historic announcement and is part of our strategy to expand the Aggie athletics brand statewide," said NM State Director of Athletics [Mario Moccia](#). "There is tremendous support for NM State athletics in the Albuquerque-Rio Rancho-Santa Fe area and we wanted to give them a chance to see the Aggies play in their own back yard."

"We are thrilled to work with the NM State Athletic Department in bringing a New Mexico State basketball game to the Rio Rancho community here at Santa Ana Star Center," said Spectra's, Shane Cadwell, General Manager of Santa Ana Star Center. "It will be a great night for Aggie fans in this part of the state to have the opportunity to enjoy a game closer to home."

NM State is the preseason favorite to repeat as WAC Champions and is coming off of four-straight WAC titles and four-straight visits to the NCAA Tournament. The Aggies welcome back WAC Preseason Player of the Year [Pascal Siakam](#) and Preseason First-Team All-WAC performer [Ian Baker](#) as part of a team poised to win a seventh conference title in the past nine years.

The Santa Ana Star Center is one of the top venues in New Mexico, hosting concerts, sporting events, conferences and cultural programs. Seating up to 6,000 for basketball, the Santa Ana Star Center was the home of the New Mexico Thunderbirds of the NBA Development League in 2010-11.

Located at 3001 Civic Center Circle, off Paseo del Volcan and Unser Blvd. NE, the Santa Ana Star Center is strategically located approximately 10 miles from Albuquerque and 30 miles from the Sunport International Airport.



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