



**The Aldo Leopold Centennial Committee**  
cordially invites you to an Aldo Leopold Reading and Discussion

Sunday, 6 December, 2009, 3:00 pm  
Santa Fe Preparatory School Library  
1101 Camino De Cruz Blanca, Santa Fe

*Readers Include:*

Jim Leonard - Santa Fe Prep Head of School  
Roberts French - poet and retired English professor  
Larry Glover - founder of Wild Resiliency  
Courtney White - Executive Director of The Quivira Coalition  
Students and other community members



Aldo Leopold is most widely known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*. Published in 1949, the book is a classic in Western literature. Leopold believed our idea of “community” should be enlarged to include non-human elements such as soil, water, plants, animals, or collectively: “the land.” He called this the “land ethic” and asserted our economic well-being could not be separated from the well-being of our environment. Leopold also believed in the power of shared community effort. While he is rightly honored for his beautiful articulation of a land ethic, he stated clearly that an ethic is not something that evolves in isolation but is a “product of social evolution.” “Nothing so important as an ethic is ever written,” Leopold explained; it evolves “in the minds of a thinking community.”

A group of Albuquerque citizens who believe that careful consideration of Leopold’s legacy in the Southwest could guide us toward a healthy, sustainable and vibrant future initiated the Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration. The grass-roots Centennial celebration has provided individuals and organizations throughout the region an opportunity to engage in a rich and varied conversation among ecologists and architects, philosophers and accountants, poets and politicians, artists and conservationists, students and teachers.

Join us in listening to Leopold’s eloquent writings and participating in an engaging discussion about how his land ethic is relevant today.

For directions, visit [www.sfprep.org](http://www.sfprep.org) or call (505) 982-1829  
For more details, contact Dara Johnson, (505) 264-8502

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