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**SANTA FE GIRLS' SCHOOL STUDENTS FEATURED IN NEW ENVIRONMENTAL BOOK TITLED *GOING BLUE*  
Eighth Grade Students from Non-Profit, Private School Offer their Story about Restoring Santa Fe River**

**SANTA FE, NM, July 13, 2010**—Santa Fe Girls' School, a non-profit, private middle school for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls, is pleased to announce that its students and their river restoration work is featured in a new environmental book titled *Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, & Wetlands*, written by Cathryn Berger Kaye, M.A., Philippe Cousteau, and EarthEcho International.

The Santa Fe Girls' School riparian restoration work, now in its seventh year, occurs on an 8.9-acre tract of the Santa Fe River below the City's wastewater treatment plant in La Cieneguilla. Called Project PRESERVE (Protecting the River Environment, Stopping Erosion, and Restoring the Vital Ecology), the program and the three-year, standards-based, middle school science curriculum have offered the students and the school community unmatched exposure to the imperative that we must restore our riparian areas, preserve and protect our watershed habitats, and continuously monitor water quality. *Going Blue* is replete with teen stories from around the world that corroborate that imperative. It begins shipping in late July 2010.

The basis for the Girls' School students' story on page 115 of *Going Blue* is a trip that the eighth grade made to the New Mexico State Capitol (Roundhouse) in December 2009 to testify before New Mexico's Water Quality Control Commission about their discovery of high phosphate levels in the Santa Fe River—levels at 2 to 4 milligrams per liter, which are more than 20 times the federal levels for cold-water fisheries and more than 200 times higher than the federal recommendation for "unpolluted water." The eighth-graders asked the commission to consider a standard for phosphates and to ban products, such as detergents, that contain it.

*Going Blue* is published by Free Spirit Publishing ([freespirit.com](http://freespirit.com)) and is currently available for ordering and shipment.

**About Santa Fe Girls' School**

Founded in 1998, Santa Fe Girls' School was conceived in response to the community's need for a small

academic setting where adolescent girls from a variety of economic and cultural backgrounds could thrive in a single-gender environment that cultivates emotional growth and intellectual strength, preparing girls for the demands of high school, college, and young adulthood. The Girls' School is a private 501(c)(3) middle school for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls—the only one of its kind in New Mexico. Visit [santafegirlsschool.org](http://santafegirlsschool.org).