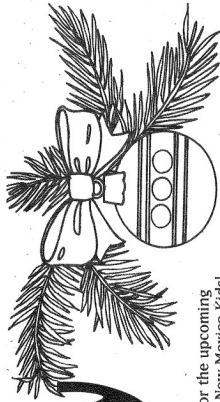


# New Mexico Kids! 2008 Holiday Gift Guide



In preparation for the upcoming holiday season, New Mexico Kids! sent our writers — most of whom are moms — in search of gifts that will get your kids moving, thinking and creating. Here is what they found.

**Triassic Troops (Ages 8 & older)**  
Study a prehistoric creature with this award-winning line of educational science kits. The Triassic Troops, one of the oldest living creatures in the world, has survived more than a million years laying eggs that can survive during drought seasons. And they have three eyes! Just add water and they're guaranteed to hatch in 24 hours. \$7-99. Available at Otowl Station in Los Alamos and at [triptops.com](http://triptops.com).



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**Slooh Unlimited Mission Card (Ages 2 & older)**

This "card" lets you view the Orion Nebula, Jupiter, the Starfish Cluster, Mars and other spectacular real-time space images and actually control high powered telescopes from around the world from your computer! 50 minutes for \$9-98, or for \$49-98, you get unlimited minutes for a year. Available at Otowl Station in Los Alamos and [slooh.com](http://slooh.com).



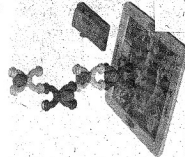
**Band in a Box (Ages 3 & older)**

This is a quality set of colorful instruments by Melissa & Doug, a manufacturer of educational toys. Each set comes with a variety of instruments, including tambourine, triangle, cymbals, maracas, clacker and tone blocks. \$9-95. Available at most stores and at [melissanddoug.com](http://melissanddoug.com).



**Flip 'n Stack Monkeys (Ages 6 & older)**

In this wacky travel game by Zing Toys you're kids can launch "monkey acrobatz" onto a tin target while super magnets allow them to make impossible acrobatic catches. \$4-99. Available at CB Fox in Los Alamos or at [zingtoys.com](http://zingtoys.com).



**Here Come the 123's (Ages 2 - 8)**  
When songs are easy and fun, kids will memorize the words in a flash. Here Come the 123's is a CD/DVD set by The Mighty Be Giants (released in February 2008 by Disney Records).



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