

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

July 2 - July 9, 2012

National Park Service
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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



Monday, July 2

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:
The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep

8:00 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

Tuesday, July 3

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00- 3:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

3:00 PM Owls, Masters of the Night

8:00 PM Evening Program: *Fire*

Wednesday, July 4

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Thursday, July 5

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

7:00 PM Kids' Campfire:

Guess Who's Making Those Tracks

8:00 PM Evening Program: *A Universe of Stars*

Friday, July 6

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove

10:00 AM Little-known Giants

4:30 PM Meadow Meander

7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *Sequoias*

8:00 PM Evening Program:

My Friend, Norman Clyde

9:15 PM Night Sky on Park Ridge*

(*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

Saturday, July 7

10:45 AM Big Tree Talk

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:
The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep

7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*

8:00 PM Evening Program:

A Visit With John Muir

Sunday, July 8

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove

7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *The Life of a Sequoia*

8:00 PM Evening Program: *Fire*

Monday, July 9

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

Program Descriptions

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to learn what it takes to be one of the largest trees on Earth. *15 minutes.*

Little-known Giants: Leave the bustle and crowds behind and experience the serenity of the big trees on this moderate hike along one of Grant Grove's less-visited trails. Meet at the North Grove Trailhead in the overflow section of the Grant Tree parking lot. Bring water. *2 hours, 1 ½ mile hike.*

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *1-hour.*

Grant Tree Walk: This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. *1-hour, ½-mile walk.*

Kids' Campfire: Ready to receive your Junior Ranger badge? Want to learn how to earn one? Join us at Sunset Amphitheater for a special Junior Ranger awards ceremony and a variety of songs, stories, or games designed especially for kids. Please come 15 minutes early if you plan to turn in a Junior Ranger booklet. *30 minutes.*

Meadow Meander: Yes, the trees are the most famous inhabitants of these parks, but the places where the trees don't grow are also important. Find out why in this easy stroll around one of our local meadows. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. *1 hour, ½ mile walk.*

Nature's Greatest Mountaineers: The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep live on the edge in more ways than one. Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the life of these endangered inhabitants of Kings Canyon and the on-going efforts to increase their numbers. *30 minutes.*

Night Sky on Park Ridge: Want to know more about the constellations overhead? Join us for a late night of naked-eye stargazing. Sign up early for this popular program. Maximum of 25 participants, ages 5 and up. To reserve your spot, visit or phone the Kings Canyon Visitor Center at 559-565-4307. *1 ½ hours, 5 mile drive, ½ mile hike.*

Owls - Masters of the Night: Wherever you go in Sequoia and Kings Canyon, you are probably in the home of at least one species of owl. Meet at the visitor center for a ½-hour talk to learn why owls are so successful. *30 minutes.*

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger along the Grant Tree Trail to have all your giant sequoia questions answered. *ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

Programs are subject to change due to weather or other disruptions. Check the program board outside the visitor center for the most up-to-date schedule.