



# June 28-July 4, 2009 Foothills Ranger-Led Programs

## Walks & Talks

### Daily

#### **Patio Talk: *Wild About Bears!* 10:30 AM**

Humans have had a long-time fascination with bears. Join a ranger to learn more about the habits of these interesting creatures who make their home throughout Sequoia & Kings Canyon. Meet at the Foothills Visitor Center. 20 minutes.

#### **Patio Talk: *Exploring the Oak Woodlands*, 11:45 AM**

Discover the unique adaptations and natural history of Sequoia's oak woodlands. Meet at the Foothills Visitor Center. 20 minutes.

#### ***People, Places, & the Past: Discover Hospital Rock*, 2:00 PM**

Step back in time and learn more about the people who called this area home. Meet at the Hospital Rock Picnic Area. 30 minutes.

### Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday

#### ***America's Greatest Idea*, 5:00 PM**

While Sequoia may be best known for its superlatives, biggest trees and highest mountains, the incidental protection of the Foothills Blue Oak Woodlands is a story that begins with the birth of this 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest National Park. Join a ranger near the Indian Head sign and discover why the National Parks have been called the greatest idea America ever had.

### Thursday – Saturday

#### ***Investigation Station*, 3:30 – 4:30 PM**

What can skulls, scat, and skin tell us about the lives of the animals that call these parks home? Drop in at the Foothills Visitor Center to discover the answers to these and other interesting questions and learn more about life in the park.

### Saturday

#### ***A Walk in Paradise*, 7:00 PM**

Walk at twilight under a canopy of oak woodlands broken by ribbons of riparian forest and hear how the power, strength, and history of the Kaweah River has shaped the landscape and influenced humans throughout time. Meet at the Paradise Creek Trailhead in Buckeye Flat Campground across from site # 28. 1 hour.

## Potwisha Campground Evening Program

Meet at the Potwisha Campground Amphitheater at 7:30 PM for an evening of family fun. 1 hour.

#### ***A Bear's Tales*, Wednesday**

While feared by some, humans have had a long-time fascination with black bears. Enjoy Native American folk tales and learn more about these interesting creatures with whom we share the park.

#### ***Impact Begins With "I"*, Friday**

Let your senses guide your Foothills experience while learning more about the intricate relationship between the plants and animals that call the oak woodlands home and our influence on their lives.

#### ***What Big Eyes You Have*, Saturday**

On silent wings owls hunt throughout the twilight hours. Learn about the adaptations these interesting creatures have that enable them to successfully find food in the Foothills.