

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

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Welcome to Mineral King Ranger-led Programs

Thursday, August 14

- **8:15pm A Visit from the Past**

45 minutes / Silver City Resort

Step back in time to 1915 and visit with Grace Alles, a woman who dedicated her life to welcoming all who ventured into the Mineral King Valley.

Friday, August 15

- **4:00pm Viewing the World Through a Bears Nose!**

20 minute talk / Meet at the Mineral King Ranger Station

An American Black Bear uses its nose to discover the world around it. They have developed a powerful and sensitive sense of smell that they use as we would our eyes. Learn how this knowledge can keep you and Sequoia's bears safe.

- **7:30pm Campfire Traditions: Wildfire Tales and Forest Repair**

1 hour / Meet at the Ranger Station Campfire Circle

Fire in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks consists of surges of powerful flames that move rapidly up from the foothills but calm to a whisper upon reaching the great forests. Dress up in fire gear with Ranger Alysia as she spins exciting tales and explains the importance of fire for the survival of forest plants and animals.

Saturday, August 16

- **10:00am Mineral King Silver Rush**

2 hour walk / Meet at the Ranger Station for a walk up the Nature Trail

Take a stroll with Mineral King Historian Louise Jackson. She will guide you into the past by pointing out some of the most important mining sites in the Mineral King Valley. Bring walking shoes, water, sunscreen and a hat.

- **11:00am Calling all Kids! Become a Junior Ranger!**

1 hour / Meet at the Ranger Station

Work toward earning your ranger badge during this all age friendly exploratory time.

- **1:00pm The Mystery of Winter**

2 hour walk / Meet at the Mineral King Ranger Station

Bring a hat, walking shoes, water and sunscreen and join the ranger for a lovely walk through the Mineral King Valley. Find clues along the way that divulge winter's influence on this glorious landscape and its inhabitants.

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20 minute talk / Meet at the Atwell Mill Campground Entrance

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- **7:30pm Old Miner's Evening Program**

1 hour / Meet at the Ranger Station Campfire Circle

Settlers who first ventured into this valley saw riches in the rocks of these mountains. Mineral King looked very different then. There were hotels, saloons and estimates of more than 2000 people. Join us for this special evening program and meet the leading characters of early Mineral King.

Sunday, August 17

- **10:00am Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests**

1 hour walk / Meet at Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign

Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the world. Learn to identify and discuss the Giant Sequoia and its neighbors while discovering the story of the old Atwell Mill.

- **11:00am- 3:00pm Grace Alles Open House**

The Alles Cabin is located just below Atwell Mill Campground. It is the "house in the middle of the road." Come, visit the cabin, and experience the lifestyle of a woman who shared her hospitality with anyone who ventured into these mountains. Signs will be posted.



All programs are free and open to the public.