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White Sands National Monument Events

December 2010

Sunset Strolls

Sunset strolls are a great way to end your day. Enjoy a leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through sand dunes and learn about the geology, plants, and animals of this unique area. Program starts at the sign along the dunes drive about five miles from the visitor center. No charge for the program. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument.

*4:00 pm November 7—December 31

Lake Lucero Tour

Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the white sands. These three-hour ranger-guided tours to the playa (dry lakebed) of Lake Lucero are offered once a month and reservations are required. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Call 575-679-2599 ext. 236 for reservations.

*10:00 am Sunday, December 26

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Starting December 27, 2010, we will switch to web-based reservations for Lake Lucero tours. Tours can be made one month in advance of tour at www.nps.gov/whsa.

Holiday Open House

White Sands National Monument invites you to help us celebrate the holiday season with our third annual open house on December 3, 2010. From 5 to 8 pm, enjoy live music, children's activities, luminarias around the historic adobe visitor center, and delicious New Mexican food. Visitors are encouraged to bring canned food donations to help supply our local food banks during the holidays.

The visitor center, gift shop, and Dunes Drive will be open until 8 pm. No charge for the program. If you choose to drive the Dunes Drive, monument entrance fees apply (\$3.00 per person 16 years and older). Activities will be held both indoors and outdoors; please dress appropriately.

*5–8 pm Friday, December 3

Holiday Carolling

It's just not quite the holiday season without singing a few carols. Come join us Saturday, December 18, 2010 on the visitor center patio and help us ring in the magic of the holidays. The program will be one hour long, and carolers of all ages are welcome.

*4 pm Saturday, December 18

Visitor Center Hours

*8 am–6 pm September 13—November 7

*9 am–5 pm November 8—February 28, 2011

Monument Hours

*7 am–6:30 pm November 8—November 27

*7 am–6:00 pm November 28—December 30

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit www.nps.gov/whsa for more information.