



White Sands National Monument Events July 2011

Full Moon Hike

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for the June Full Moon Hike and see firsthand the dunes in a whole new light. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website (www.nps.gov/whsa). Reservations will be accepted starting two weeks in advance of the scheduled hike, and hike is limited to 40 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

*8:00 pm Thursday, July 14

Loretta's Barbed Wire Band

Sounds of classic country and Norteño ballads along with contemporary country songs will fill the moonlit night when Loretta's Barbed Wire Band takes the stage in July. Hailing from El Paso, Texas, Loretta's Barb Wire band will take listeners on a country music journey that captures the essence of the borderland.

*8:30 pm Friday, July 15

Lake Lucero Tour

Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. 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. Tours can be made one month in advance at www.nps.gov/whsa. All Lake Lucero tour reservations must be made through the website.

*8:00 am Saturday, July 30

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. Programs are offered daily.

*7:00 pm May 14—August 5

Crafty Kids Program

Get your hands involved in learning! Join rangers in the visitor center courtyard for a one-hour craft and interpretive program. Rangers will share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adapters, and out-of-this-world geology of White Sands while guiding kids through a take-home craft project. Targeted age range is 6–10 years old. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in the program. Program is free.

*9:00 am every Sunday, July 3—August 14

Jr. Ranger Program

Junior Rangers at White Sands National Monument rule! Come join the team by participating in our new ranger-guided Junior Ranger program. Kids will learn about the amazing white sands and earn a special Junior Ranger Patch that can only be earned on this program. Join a ranger at the visitor center for these one-hour programs. Program is targeted for children 5-12 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program is free.

*9:00 am every Saturday, June 18—August 6

Patio Talks

Join a ranger on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered and pick up tips for enjoying your stay at White Sands National Monument.

*1:30 pm daily, May 28—September 5

Visitor Center Hours *8 am–7 pm April 18—September 11

Monument Hours *7 am–10:00 pm May 22—September 3