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## White Sands National Monument Events October, 2009

### 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. The setting sun is a photographer's delight, and the dunes beckon children of all ages. Program starts at 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 most days. Call the monument to confirm (575-679-2599).

\*5:45 pm September 19–October 2 (Sunset: 6:58–6:41)

\*5:30 pm October 3–16 (Sunset: 6:39–6:23)

\*5:15 pm October 17–31 (Sunset: 6:22–6:08)

### 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 Golden Age Pass holders. Call 575-679-2500 or 575-479-6124 for more information and reservations.

\*9:00 am Saturday, October 31

### Full Moon Program

Experience the beauty of the harvest moon rising over the dunes and join a ranger for Legends and Lore of the Tularosa Basin. Program is free; park entrance fees apply. The program is held in the amphitheater, and the monument will close at 11 this evening.

\*7:00 pm Friday, October 2

### Visitor Center Hours

\*September 7–October 24: 8 am–6 pm

\*October 24–November 23: 9 am–5 pm

\*November 24–November 29: 8 am–5 pm (holiday hours)