



White Sands National Monument Events

September 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.

*6:15 pm August 30—September 12

*6:00 pm September 13—September 19

*5:45 pm September 20—October 3

Star Party

Explore the night sky with amateur astronomers from the Alamogordo Astronomy club. Join us for a star talk about the celestial wonders as seen from the dark skies of white sands followed by viewing these wonders through telescopes.

*8:00 pm Saturday, September 11

Full Moon Night

White Sands in 3-D

Fly through the dunes, see a tarantula up close, and explore crystal pedestals in a 3-D visual journey of White Sands National Monument. 3-D glasses will be provided to enjoy cacti, dunes, spiders, snakes and much more all in stunning 3-D stereo. A question and answer period will follow. The program will be presented by David Bustos, Resource Manager at White Sands National Monument.

*7:30 pm Friday, September 24

Full Moon Hike

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for a 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 open on September 9th. The hike is limited to 30 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

*6:30 pm Thursday, September 23

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.

*9:00 am Sunday, September 26

White Sands Institute

White Sands Watercolors:
Watercolor workshop

Join Dan Stouffer, an award winning watercolorist of the White Sands, for an exciting and informative three days of indoor painting workshops and demonstrations. Outdoor lectures will include evening sunset sessions. Limit of 12 participants. Cost is \$175 per person for this three-day workshop.

For more information or to register, call community Education at NMSUA at 575-439-3842 or send an email to: commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu

*October 21-23, 2010

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.

*Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm

Visitor Center Hours

*8 am–7 pm April 12—September 12

*8 am–6 pm September 13—November 7

Monument Hours

*7 am–10:00 pm May 28—September 6

*7 am–8:30 pm September 7—September 25

*7 am–8:00 pm September 26—October 23