

Great Sand Dunes

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Great Sand Dunes National Park
and Preserve



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

Aug 17th – Aug 23rd, 2014

Sunday Aug 17th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Wild about Bears” Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “Who-Whoooo Lives Here?” – Come explore some of the darkest skies in the National Park System and learn about owls, their adaptations, and natural sounds. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Monday, Aug 18th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Wild about Bears” Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Wednesday, Aug 20th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Art for All Ages: Drawing the Dunes” - Sketch the spectacular dunes, or whatever you imagine! Paper, chalk, and a short demonstration from a ranger artist provided free. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Thursday, Aug 21st

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – ““Rhythm of the Dunes” - Come discover the fascinating wildlife of the dunes! Visitors will get to produce percussion beats within this unique and diverse environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Friday, Aug 22nd

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Extreme Animals” – The extreme environment here causes animals to do “extreme sports!” Have fun with a ranger and meet a live creature. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:30 pm Evening Program – “The Dunes Yesterday...and Today!” – See the diverse ways people have experienced the dunes in the past... and how we enjoy the park today. Fun songs, real artifacts, prehistoric mammal fossils, and historic and contemporary photos will be included. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Saturday, Aug 23rd

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Art for All Ages: Drawing the Dunes” - Sketch the spectacular dunes, or whatever you imagine! Paper, chalk, and a short demonstration from a ranger artist provided free. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

7:00 Sunset Program – “Extreme Animals” – The extreme environment here causes animals to do “extreme sports!” Have fun with a ranger and meet a live creature. Visitor Center, 30 minutes