



## Free Ranger-Guided Program July 26 – August 1, 2015

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### Sunday, July 26th

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Near and Far"** - Discover how the sand made the journey to form the Great Sand Dunes. Some sand is just out of this world! Visitor Center, 25 minutes.

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "The Grand Sand Dune Hotel"** - Discover some of the fascinating creatures that call Great Sand Dunes home! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

**7:00 pm Sunset Program - Ranger-guided hike, Wellington Ditch Trail** - Meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead for a 45-minute hike with a park ranger to learn more about the natural environment and cultural history of Great Sand Dunes.

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### Monday, July 27th

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "Moved by the Wind"** - Discover the creative force that shapes the dunes and all it encounters. Consider that this invisible force has the power to move mountains....of sand. Visitor Center, 20 minutes

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "The Grand Sand Dune Hotel"** - Discover some of the fascinating creatures that call Great Sand Dunes home! Visitor Center, 30 minutes.

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### Tuesday, July 28th

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity - "The Singing Sands"** - The Great Sand Dunes are a symphony of geological and animal sounds! Discover how the Great Sand Dunes were formed while making the wild sounds found in the park. Fun for all ages!

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### Wednesday, July 29th

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Tracks In The Wild"** - Explore a portion of the Great Sand Dunes preserve and discover which of our wild animals have left their telltale tracks behind! Half-mile hike, meet at the Montville Nature Trailhead. Bug spray, sunscreen, water, and ball cap recommended. 45 minutes

**7:30 pm Sunset Program - "Who Dunit?"** - Help investigate the creation of the dunes as we interrogate suspects of nature and call witnesses from the past! Amphitheater 30 minutes.

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### Thursday, July 30th

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity- "The Grand Sand Dune Hotel"** - Discover some of the fascinating creatures that call Great Sand Dunes home! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Lions, Tigers, and Bears...and sand dunes? Oh my!"** - Find out about some of the incredible mammals that inhabit Great Sand Dunes National Park. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

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### Friday, July 31st

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**8:45 pm Evening Program - "Pale Blue Dot"** - Experience the dark night sky and the wonders it reveals! Our cosmic exploration includes NASA images of deep sky objects and a laser-guided tour of visible planets and constellations. Dress warmly; bring binoculars if you have them. Amphitheater, 45 minute program followed by an observation session, weather permitting.

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### Saturday, August 1st

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