

# Great Sand Dunes

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Great Sand Dunes National Park  
and Preserve



## Free Ranger Programs July 3 – July 9, 2016

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### Sunday, July 3

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 Minutes

**9:00 pm Evening Program – “A Ranger’s Story”** Come hear about the adventures and experiences of one National Park Ranger from the Mississippi River to the Medano. Weather permitting. Flashlights and jackets suggested. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Monday, July 4

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

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### Tuesday, June 5

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### Wednesday, July 6

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

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### Thursday, July 7

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** – Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 Minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program - "Night Skies and our National Parks"** - For millennia, humans have gazed upon the night sky, forging a unique connection to our cosmos. Join a ranger to become inspired by our enduring resource, the night sky! Telescope viewing will take place after the program; weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

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### Friday, July 8

**7:30 pm Sunset Program - “The Wild West”** – Discover a story of adventure that can only be found in the West with a diverse set of characters. From the geologic story to the cultural history, the story is dynamic. Listen to how the dunes were formed and what people have had adventures in the sand. You are invited to not only listen to the story but be a part of the adventure in this sunset hike out into the dunes. Main Dunes Parking Area, 45 minutes.

**8:45pm Evening Program – “The Sandy West”** - Join a park ranger on a road trip adventure across the country as we discover amazing dune systems and recreational opportunities located all around the Western United States! Amphitheater, 45 minutes.

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### Saturday, July 9

**1:00 pm Discovery Activity** - Discover how the dunes were formed and other fascinating aspects of the park and preserve. Visitor Center, 25 minutes

**3:30 pm Afternoon Program – “Better Home Sand Gardens”** -. Come explore the dunes on a Ranger hike and learn about the extreme plants and animals which share such a unique environment. Dunes Lot, 30 minutes

**8:45 pm Evening Program - “The Park after Dark”** - Half the park is after dark! Discover the beautiful secrets of owls, nocturnal animals, stars, planets, galaxies, our moon, and meteors. Touch real pieces of the Moon and Mars! Brief constellation tour with laser pointer afterward, weather permitting. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

*All programs are free and open to the public. More information: [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa) (719) 378-6395*