

# Grant Grove Ranger Programs

## July 31-August 7, 2011

National Park Service  
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Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
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### Sunday, July 31

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 2:00 PM Young John Muir
- \* 4:00 PM Feature Creature:  
*Owls: Masters of the Night*
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*Bears All Around*

### Monday, August 1

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- \* 4:00 PM Feature Creature:  
*Slithery, Slimy, Crawly*
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*Special Program: John Muir and the Big Trees*

### Tuesday, August 2

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- \* 4:00 PM Feature Creature:  
*The Bear Facts*
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*Art, Photography and Preservation  
in the Range of Light*

\* Accessible program 

### Wednesday, August 3

- 10:00 AM Photo Walk
- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 4:00 PM Feature Creature:  
*The California Grizzly*
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*A Universe of Stars*

### Thursday, August 4

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 4:00 PM Feature Creature:  
*Mountain Lions - Should You Be Afraid?*
- No Campfire Program August 4

### Friday, August 5

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*Coyote Tales*

### Saturday, August 6

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 8:30 PM Campfire Program:  
*The Miracle Grove*

### Sunday, August 7

- \* 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- \* 4:00 PM Explore Your Galaxy
- \* 8:00 PM Campfire Program - Note New Time!  
*Bears All Around*

## Program Descriptions

**Bear Facts:** You may be able to save the life of a bear! In this ½-hour talk, you will learn about these special animals and how you can help the rangers keep them healthy and wild. Meet in front of the Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

**Big Tree Briefing:** Meet at the base of the General Grant Tree for a 15-minute talk about the giant sequoias.

**Campfire Program:** Join a ranger at the Sunset Amphitheater for a 1-hour talk or slide show about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon so special.

**California Grizzly:** Today, the only bears in Sequoia and Kings Canyon are black bears, but the last grizzly in California was killed just south of Grant Grove. Learn more about this vanished symbol of the Bear Flag State in this ½-hour talk in front of the visitor center.

**Explore Your Galaxy:** Meet a ranger at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center for half an hour of hands-on activities about astronomy.

**Grant Tree Walk:** This easy 1-hour, ½-mile walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for over 100 years. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot.

**John Muir and the Big Trees:** A special campfire presentation by University of the Pacific archivist Michael Wurtz. Meet at the Sunset Amphitheater.

**Mountain Lions - Should You Be Afraid?** We are visitors in a place cougars call home. Although we need to be aware of our surroundings, if we understand these wild cats, we need not walk in fear. Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn more in this ½-hour talk.

**Owls - Masters of the Night:** Wherever you go in Sequoia and Kings Canyon, you are probably in the home of at least one species of owl. Meet in the Discovery Room at the visitor center for a ½-hour talk to learn why owls are so successful.

**Photo Walk:** Not only is nature photography a way for us to enjoy and interact with wilderness, it has also helped to preserve the places we love to photograph. Join a ranger, with or without your camera, for a 2-hour, 1-mile walk. Meet at the visitor center and caravan to the trail.

**Slithery, Slimy, Crawly:** Meet at the visitor center for an in-depth look into the lives of some of Kings Canyon's reptiles and amphibians. We will investigate some special adaptations these interesting animals use to survive. ½ hour.

**Young John Muir:** Ranger Frank Helling shares ½ an hour of first-person stories from John Muir's boyhood and youth. Meet in front of the visitor center

All ranger programs are FREE and open to the public