

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

August 21-28 2011

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Sunday, August 21

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- 10:30 AM Little-known Giants
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- 2:30 PM Meadow Meander
- * 4:00 PM Explore Your Galaxy
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *Bears All Around*

Monday, August 22

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- * 4:00 PM Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep –
Natures Greatest Mountaineers
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *These Parks are Stressed Out*

Tuesday, August 23

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- * 4:00 PM Slithery, Slimy, Crawly
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *Art, Photography,
and Preservation in the Range of Light*

Wednesday, August 24

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing

* Accessible Program 

Thursday, August 25

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 4:00 PM Mountain Lions – Should You Be Afraid?
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *A Visit With John Muir*

Friday, August 26

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- * 4:00 PM Animal Tracks – Who Goes There?
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *Fire!*

Saturday, August 27

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 2:00 PM Big Tree Briefing
- * 4:00 PM Hidden Worlds – Exploring
the Caves of Sequoia and Kings Canyon
- * 8:00 PM Campfire Program: *A Universe of Stars*

Sunday, August 28

- * 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
- * 1:30 PM Big Tree Briefing
- * 3:00 PM Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep –
Natures Greatest Mountaineers
- * 7:30 PM Campfire Program: *Bears All Around*

Program Descriptions

Bear Sense: Join a ranger for this ½-hour glimpse into the world of bears. We will use our senses to help us better understand black bears and discuss ways to keep them wild. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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

Bighorn Sheep - Nature's Greatest Mountaineers: Sierra bighorn sheep live on the edge in more ways than one. Learn about the life of these endangered inhabitants of Kings Canyon and the on-going efforts to increase their numbers. This ½-hour talk meets in front of the Visitor Center.

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 National Park so special.

Grant Tree Walk: Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for over 100 years. Meet a ranger in the Grant Tree parking lot for this easy 1-hour, ½-mile walk through the sequoia grove.

Explore Your Galaxy: Meet a ranger at the Visitor Center for a ½-hour of hands-on astronomy activities.

Hidden Worlds - Exploring the Caves of Sequoia and Kings Canyon: Join a ranger in the Discovery Room for a ½-hour introduction to caving: the art, science, and adventure of exploring Earth's last frontiers.

Little-known Giants: We invite you to leave the bustle and crowds behind and experience the serenity of the big trees on this moderate walk along one of Grant Grove's less-visited trails. Meet at the North Grove trailhead at the west end of the Grant Tree parking lot. 2 hours, 1½ miles. Bring water.

Meadow Meander: The trees may be the most famous inhabitants of these parks, but the places where the trees don't grow are just as important. Find out why in this easy stroll around one of our local meadows. Meet in front of the Visitor Center, 1-hour, ½ mile.

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

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.

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 animals use to survive. ½ hour.

Who Goes There? We may not see many of the animals that live in Kings Canyon National Park, but they leave behind clues to their presence. Learn about animal tracking in this ½-hour talk at the Visitor Center.