

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

August 5-12, 2013

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Monday, August 5

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

Tuesday, August 6

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

Wednesday, August 7

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

Thursday, August 8

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
3:00 PM California Grizzlies
7:30 PM Evening Program:
Life Zones – Rivers to Peaks

Friday, August 9

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
3:00 PM How to Read a Skull
7:30 PM Evening Program:
A Visit with John Muir

Saturday, August 10

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:00 PM Special Program:
*Junior Ranger Night Explorers**
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
6:30 PM Junior Ranger Program:
Wilderness Explorers
7:30 PM Evening Program:
Life Zones – Rivers to Peaks

Sunday, August 11

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Film Night*

Monday, August 12

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

**Reservations Required.*

*Programs may change due to weather or other unforeseen events.
Check the visitor center for the most up-to-date schedule.*

Program Descriptions

California Grizzlies: The grizzly bear disappeared from California in 1922, when the last one was shot right here in Tulare County. Meet Ranger Frank at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn more about the history of this magnificent bear. *30 minutes.*

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet. 1 hour.*

Grant Tree Walk: This easy 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 centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. *1 hour, ½ mile.*

How to Read a Skull: How well do you know bones? Meet Ranger Michelle at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center for a talk on how to understand park animals through clues found in their skulls. *1 hour.*

Junior Ranger Program: Ready to receive your Junior Ranger badge? Want to learn how to earn one? Come to Sunset Amphitheater for a special Junior Ranger awards ceremony and a half hour of songs, stories, or games for kids and kids at heart. *Arrive 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet. 30 minutes.*

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist along the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

Special Program – Junior Ranger Night Explorers: Sign up for this special afternoon of astronomy activities in time for the Perseid meteor shower. Kids ages 8-12 will how to identify the constellations overhead and make a special night-vision flashlight. All participants will have a chance to earn the official Junior Ranger Night Explorer patch. Reservations required, as space is limited to 12 children. *Come by or call the visitor center at 559-565-4307 to reserve a spot. 1 ½ hours.*