

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

July 30 – August 6, 2012

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
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Monday, July 30

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:00 - 3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:
The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 1

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
7:30 PM Evening Program:
Things That Go Bump in the Night

Thursday, August 2

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*
7:30 PM Evening Program:
The World Below the Big Trees

Friday, August 3

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30 PM Meadow Meander
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Sequoias!*
6:15 PM Twilight Safari** *Reservations Required*
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Saturday, August 4

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
3:00 PM Saunter in the Sequoias with John Muir
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire:
Guess Who's Making Those Tracks?
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Park Photo Contest*

Sunday, August 5

9:00 AM Let's Move Outside
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Monday, August 6

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:00 - 3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

Program Descriptions

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to learn what it takes to be one of the largest trees on Earth. *15 minutes.*

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

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

Kids' Campfire: Ready to receive your Junior Ranger badge? Want to learn how to earn one? Join us at Sunset Amphitheater for a special Junior Ranger awards ceremony and a variety of songs, stories, or games designed especially for kids. Please come 15 minutes early if you plan to turn in a Junior Ranger booklet. *½ hour.*

Let's Move Outside: Meet at the Visitor Center for a family-friendly hike in the park. Bring walking shoes, water, and protection from the sun. *1 hour, up to 1-mile hike.*

Meadow Meander: Yes, the trees are the most famous inhabitants of these parks, but the places where the trees don't grow are also important. Find out why in this easy stroll around one of our local meadows. Meet Ranger Frank in front of the Visitor Center. *1 hour, ½ mile walk.*

Nature's Greatest Mountaineers: The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep live on the edge in more ways than one. Meet Ranger Jeremy at the Visitor Center to learn about the life of these endangered inhabitants of Kings Canyon and the on-going efforts to increase their numbers. *30 minutes.*

Owls, Masters of the Night: Wherever you go in the parks, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet Ranger Anna in the Discovery Room at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn why owls are so successful. *½ hour.*

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger along the Grant Tree Trail to have all your sequoia questions answered. *Ongoing.*

Saunter in the Sequoias: Not your ordinary Grant Tree Trail experience! Meet John Muir, as portrayed by Ranger Frank Helling, at the Grant Tree parking lot for this one-of-a-kind stroll through the big trees. *1 hour, ½-mile walk.*

Twilight Safari: As visitors to Grant Grove are getting ready to go to bed, many residents are just starting their "day". Learn more about these creatures of the night on this moonlight hike with Ranger Frank Helling. ****RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and space is limited. Sign up at the Visitor Center or call 559-565-4307. *3 hours, 2-mile hike.*

Programs are subject to change due to weather or other disruptions. Check the program board outside the visitor center for the most up-to-date schedule.