

# Grant Grove Ranger Programs

## July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
National Parks



### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove  
8:00 PM Evening Program  
*The Predator Dilemma*

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

7:30 PM Family Campfire

### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Fridays for Families

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Bird Watching

2:00 PM Whispers from Big Stump

3:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Our Place in the Universe*

4:30 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Wilderness Speaks*

8:00 PM Evening Program

*A Visit with John Muir*

### Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

10:00 AM Dark Sky Festival:

*The City Dark Film*

10:00 AM Dark Sky Festival:

*Kids Activities*

1:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Spectroscope Make & Take*

1:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

4:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Hitting the Road on Mars*

6:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Hitting the Road on Mars-An Evening with Z.*

*Nagin Cox*

8:00 PM Evening Program:

*Adaptations of Mammals in the Sierra Nevada*

9:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*Constellation Tour*

### Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Back to Basics

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

2 & 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

3:30 PM Owls, Masters of the Night

8:00 PM Dark Sky Festival:

*A Universe of Stars*

### Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

*The Predator Dilemma*

## Program Descriptions

**Back to Basics:** *Wilderness Skills.*

Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes

**Big Tree Talk:** Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

**Bird Watching:** Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of birds in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour

**California Grizzly:** 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

**Special Event-Dark Sky Festival:**

A weekend of activities for those with a passion for the night sky and astronomy.

*Our Place in the Universe:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 1 hour

*Wilderness Speaks:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 1 hour

*The City Dark Film:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 1 hour

*Kids Activities:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 3 hours

*Spectroscope Make & Take:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 1 hour

*Hitting the Road on Mars:* Kings Canyon Visitor Center, 1 hour

*Hitting the Road on Mars-An Evening with Z. Nagin Cox:* John Muir Lodge, 1 hour

*Constellation Tour:* Panoramic Point Parking Lot in Grant Grove, 1 hour.

*A Universe of Stars:* Sunset Campground Amphitheater, 1 hour

**Evening Program:** Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a slide show 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.* (NPS) 1 hour

**Family Campfire:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our National Park. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour

**Flashlight Hike:** Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge lobby. (SFI) 1 hour

**Fridays for Families:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills. (SFI) 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. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile

**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. 30 minutes

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

**Saunter through the Sequoias:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk beside one of America's great conservationists? Here's your chance! Meet at the Grant Tree Trailhead. (NPS) 1.5 miles, 2 hours

**Whispers from Big Stump:** Join a Ranger on a journey through the Big Stump Basin to learn about a vital and little-known chapter of California history. Meet at the *Kings Canyon Visitor Center* before driving to the trailhead. (NPS) 1 ½ hours, 1 mile, Moderate

NPS-National Park Service Ranger SFI- Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association