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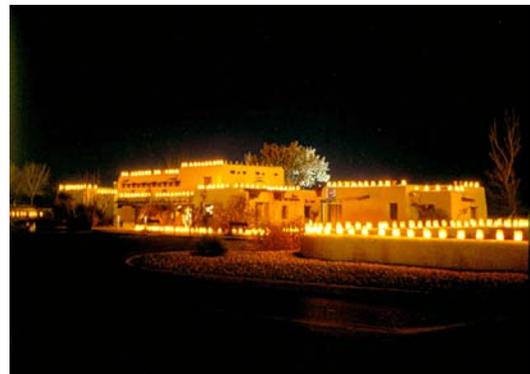
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White Sands National Monument to Host Holiday Open House December 12

Alamogordo, N.M. – The public is invited to join in a special holiday open house at White Sands National Monument on Friday, December 12.

In what will be a spectacular holiday display for that night only, 1,000 luminarias, along with the full moon, will illuminate the historic adobe visitor center at White Sands National Monument. Felipe Ruibal will play live acoustic guitar music for the open house. Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres, hot cider, and hot chocolate will be served in the visitor center and gift store. In addition, last minute holiday shoppers can take advantage of a major sale at the park's gift shop and bookstore throughout the day and during the open house. White Sands will also offer special ranger-led programs.



White Sands' Visitor Center will be a spectacular holiday display December 12.

“The holidays are a special time to be shared with family and friends, and our national parks are a perfect part of those celebrations,” said Superintendent Kevin Schneider. “We hope to welcome as many of our friends from the local community to come share in holiday cheer with us.”

The holiday open house will take place from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on December 12. For this night only, White Sands National Monument will stay open until 8:00 pm, allowing visitors to enjoy a winter night with a full moon among the dunes. Normally at this time of the year the monument is open from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Visitors with questions may call the park at 575-679-2599, ext 236.

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