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## White Sands National Monument Events April 2012

### Sunset Strolls

Sunset strolls are a great way to end your day. Enjoy a leisurely one-hour ranger-guided walk through sand dunes and learn about the geology, plants, and animals of this unique area. Program starts at the sign along Dunes Drive about five miles from the visitor center. Program is free. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument. Programs are offered daily.

\*6:30 pm March 31—April 20, 2012

\*6:45 pm April 21—May 11, 2012

### Lake Lucero Tour

Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Reservations can be made one month in advance at [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa). All Lake Lucero tour reservations must be made through the website.

\*9 am Sunday, April 22, 2012

### Dunes at Dawn

Watch the sun push over the Sacramento Mountains as the warm morning light dances on the dunes and join rangers for an early morning hike. Reservations are required and can only be made on our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Reservations will be accepted starting two weeks in advance of the scheduled hike, and hike is limited to 40 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

\*7:15 am Saturday, April 14, 2012

### Full Moon Bike Ride

This popular family event is back in 2012, and the first one is scheduled for Friday, May 4 at 9 pm. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Reservations will be accepted starting on April 4. Special fees apply. \$5.00 per person 16 and older. \$2.50 per person 15 and younger. Visit our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)) for more information.

### Crafty Kids

Get your hands involved in learning! Join rangers in the visitor center courtyard for a one-hour craft and interpretive program. Rangers will share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adapters, and out-of-this-world geology of White Sands while guiding kids through a take-home craft project. Targeted age range is 6–10 years old. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in the program. Program is free.

\*10:00 am every Sunday

### Skins and Skulls

Did you know that 44 different species of mammals live at White Sands? Join rangers at 3 pm every Saturday and Sunday in the visitor center courtyard for a 20-minute talk about these amazing animals. Rangers will have pelts, skulls, and other props to provide you an up-close look and feel of the elusive wildlife of White Sands. Program is free.

\*3:00 pm every Saturday and Sunday

### Map Talks

Join a ranger on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered and pick up tips for enjoying your stay at White Sands National Monument.

\*1:30 pm every Saturday and Sunday

### Visitor Center Hours

\*9:00 am–6:00 pm February 27—April 17, 2012

\*8:00 am–7:00 pm April 18—September 9, 2012

### Monument Hours

\*7:00 am–8:30 pm March 11—April 19, 2012

\*7:00 am–9:00 pm April 20—May 25, 2012

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa) for more information.