



# White Sands National Monument Events

## April 2014

### 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. Programs are offered daily. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.\*\*

\*6:30 pm March 29—April 18

\*6:45 pm April 19—May 16

### Full Moon Bike Ride



Take a leisurely bike ride through the monument under the light of the full moon. 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 March 12. Special fees apply. \$5.00 per person 16 and older. \$2.50 per person 15 and younger. Monument entrance fees also apply.\*\*Special rules also apply. See website for complete details. Dress warmly.

\*8:00 pm Saturday, April 12

### 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 27

### Step Into the Past

#### A Salty Tale: History of Salt Mining in the Tularosa Basin



Salt is a foundation of civilization. It is a resource so valuable that wars were fought over it, including two wars in the desert surrounding El Paso. Join Ranger Billy Weinman from Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument for a one-hour presentation about how and why the Spanish mined salt in this area, local salt wars, and the importance of salt in human civilization. Meet in the White Sands National Monument visitor center. Program is free.

\*1 pm Saturday, May 3

### Skins and Skulls



Join a ranger in the visitor center courtyard for a 20-minute talk about the amazing animals of White Sands. 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 Saturday and Sunday

### Patio Talks



Join a ranger in the visitor center courtyard to have your questions answered and pick up tips for enjoying your stay at White Sands National Monument. Program is free.

\*1:30 pm Saturday and Sunday

**Visitor Center Hours** \*9:00 am–6:00 pm March 9—May 16

**Monument Hours** \*8:00 am–8:00 pm March 9—May 16, 2014

Dunes Drive will close to inbound traffic at 7:00 pm. The Highway 70 Gate and restrooms will close at 8:00 pm.

