



## White Sands National Monument Events August 2010

### 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 the dunes drive about five miles from the visitor center. No charge for the program. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument.

- \*7:00 pm May 21—August 1
- \*6:45 pm August 2—August 15
- \*6:30 pm August 16—August 29
- \*6:15 pm August 30—September 12

### Lake Lucero Tour

Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the white sands. These three-hour ranger-guided tours to the playa (dry lakebed) of Lake Lucero are offered once a month and reservations are required. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Call 575-679-2599 ext. 236 for reservations.

- \*5:00 pm Saturday, August 28

### Full Moon Night HSSS Herpetology Simplified Science Show

Snakes! Oh my! Donna Hoidahl will present a hands-on education program into the world of snakes. Learn about the snakes and other reptiles that live in the Tularosa Basin from this fun and interactive program. Come see and touch! Programs are held in monument's amphitheater and are free. Monument entrance fees apply: \$3.00 per person 16 years and older. Concert may be canceled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. Reservations are not accepted. Visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa) for the complete summer schedule.

- \*8:00 pm Wednesday, August 25

### Full Moon Hike

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for the July Full Moon Hike and see firsthand the dunes in a whole new light. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)). Reservations opens August 10th. The hike is limited to 30 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

- \*7:30 pm Tuesday, August 24

### White Sands Institute By the Dune's Early Light: Photographing the White Sands

White Sands National Monument and New Mexico State University—Alamogordo are teaming up to offer a series of field seminars this summer focused on New Mexico's extraordinary White Sands. These field seminars are taught by recognized experts in the field and focus on the unique ecology, history, and wonders of White Sands National Monument and the Chihuahuan Desert.

For more information or to register, call community Education at NMSUA at 575-439-3842 or send an email to: [commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@nmsua.nmsu.edu)

Join photographers Jim Spencer and Ron Robertson for three days packed with photography, compositional instruction, and color printing. You will have an unrivaled opportunity to see, photograph, and experience the visual excitement that is White Sands National Monument. This workshop includes indoor editing and printing as well as outdoor field lectures during early sunrise and evening sunset photography sessions. Limit of 20 participants. Cost is \$550 per person for this three-day workshop.

- \* August 24-26, 2010

### Patio 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.

- \*Every day at 1:30 pm

### Visitor Center Hours \*8 am–7 pm April 12—September 12

### Monument Hours \*7 am–10:00 pm May 28—September 6