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White Sands National Monument Events January 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.

*4:00 pm November 6—January 6, 2012

*4:15 pm January 7—January 13, 2012

*4:30 pm January 14—February 3, 2012

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

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. All Lake Lucero tour reservations must be made through the website.

*2 pm Saturday, January 28

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). 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, January 14

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–5:00 pm November 6—February 26, 2012

Monument Hours

*7:00 am–6:00 pm November 6—January 12, 2012

*7:00 am–6:30 pm January 13—February 9, 2012

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