



White Sands National Monument Events July 2012

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- 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.**
*7:00 pm May 12—August 5, 2012
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- Full Moon Hike** Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for a 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). 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.**
*8:00 pm Monday, July 2
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- Full Moon Night Hard Road Trio** Stories abound where the prairie meets the mountains—harmonies and groove complement each other on both original and traditional Americana music. Life-long musicians Steve Smith, Chris Sanders, and Anne Luna will capture you with the power of their distinctive voices, Steve's stunning mandolin artistry, and Anne's elegant bass playing and sweet harmonies. Join this Borderland trio for a moonlit summer evening.
*8:30 pm Tuesday, July 3
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- Lake Lucero Tour** Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn how the dunes are formed from gypsum-laden water and selenite crystals. 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 tour reservations must be made through the website.
*5 pm Sunday, July 29
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- Crafty Kids** 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 you 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
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- White Sands Institute** White Sands National Monument and New Mexico State University—Alamogordo are teaming up to offer a series of field seminars focused on the extraordinary White Sands. To register for any White Sands Institute seminar for adults or class for kids, call NMSU Alamogordo Community Education at 575-439-3842. For more information including a complete schedule for each seminar, visit www.nmsua.edu and go to Community Education, then to White Sands Institute.
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- Botanical Treasure Hunt at White Sands for kids** Learn about the amazing plants of White Sands and their adaptations to this unique environment. Wear sunscreen and bring a sack lunch & a water bottle!
*9:00 am –1 pm, July 9
*Location: White Sands National Monument
*Target Audience: 3rd-8th grade
*Cost: \$20.00
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- 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 daily May 26—September 2, 2012
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- Adventure Rangers** Hey kids—it is time to get outside! Explore the Dune Life Nature Trail with a ranger. Learn safety and survival skills that will help you be prepared for outdoor adventures at White Sands. Targeted age range is 8–12 years old for this one-hour program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and water. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**
*10:00 am every Saturday May 26—September 2, 2012
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- 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. Program is free.
*1:30 pm daily May 26—September 2, 2012
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- Visitor Center Hours** *8:00 am–7:00 pm April 18—September 9, 2012
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- Monument Hours** *7:00 am–10:00 pm May 25—September 3, 2012