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White Sands National Monument Events

July 2013

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; monument entrance fees apply.** Programs are offered daily.

*7:00 pm May 18—August 4

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. Special fees apply. \$5.00 per person 16 and older. \$2.50 per person 15 and younger. Monument entrance fees also apply.**

*8:00 pm Sunday, July 21

Full Moon Night The 1st Armored Division "Old Ironsides" Band



Enjoy the Old Ironsides Band featuring a full concert ensemble that is sure to entertain and inspire patriotism. In 2011 the band relocated with the 1st Armored Division from Wiesbaden Germany to Fort Bliss, Texas. Join us on this moonlit night for a very special concert featuring world-class instrumentalists from your United States Army. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*8:30 pm Monday, July 22

Lake Lucero Tour



Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands. 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.

*9 am Saturday, July 28

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 White Sands while guiding you through a take-home craft project. Targeted age range is 6–10 years old. Program is free.

*2 pm every Sunday

Moths of White Sands

Dr. Eric Metzler will take you on a journey through the research that has revealed that White Sands has the highest number of endemic species of moths than any other single location or habitat type in North America. This is your opportunity to learn about these moths and their ability to rapidly adapt to the unique environment of the dunefield. Program will be in the amphitheater. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*8-9 pm for presentation and 9:30-10 pm for moth sheeting Saturday July 27

Skins and Skulls



Did you know that 44 different species of mammals live at White Sands? Join a ranger 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 daily May 25—September 2

Hike Smart!



Bring the whole family and join a ranger to learn orienteering, desert safety, and outdoor survival skills that will help you be prepared for your adventures at White Sands. Minimum age for this family-friendly program is eight years, and children must be accompanied by an adult. No reservations required. Meet at the Dune Life Nature Trail parking area. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*5:00 pm every Saturday May 25—August 31

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 25—September 2

Visitor Center Hours *8:00 am–7:00 pm April 22—September 8

Monument Hours *7:00 am–10:00 pm May 25—September 2



Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit www.nps.gov/whsa for more information. **Monument entrance fees are \$3.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.