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White Sands National Monument Events July 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.**

*7:00 pm May 17—August 3

Step Into the Past

Mexican Arts and Craft Show and Demonstrations

Enjoy a Mexican Arts Show and Sale co-sponsored by the National Park Service and Western National Parks Association. Experience the rich Mexican culture beautifully expressed through extraordinary Mata Ortiz pottery and vibrant Zapotec rugs from Northern Chihuahua and Oaxaca Mexico. Enjoy live demonstrations though out each day. You will find a wide array of items from $20.00 pots up to museum-quality pieces. All Artwork is hand made in Mexico. Program is free and will be held in the visitor center patio.

*9 am—6 pm Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6

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 Friday, July 11

Full Moon Night

Mariachi Fuego del Sol

Founded in mid-2013, Mariachi Fuego del Sol has been dubbed the "happiest Mariachi in the Southwest." Bound together by a deep passion for Mariachi music, this nine-person band has gone on to win the three awards from Western New Mexico University and the League of United Latin American Citizens Counsel. Come join us as they share their love of Mariachi music beneath the full moon.

*8:30 pm Saturday, July 12

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 24—September 1

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 daily May 24—September 1

Visitor Center Hours

*8:00 am–7:00 pm June 1—September 28

Monument Hours

*7:00 am–9:00 pm June 1—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.