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White Sands National Monument Events

June 2011

Full Moon Hike

Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? Join a ranger for the June 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 30 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

*7:30 pm Tuesday, June 14

Full Moon Night

Ralph Estes &
Steve Cormier

Ralph Estes and Steve Cormier will present an evening of cowboy songs and stories. Ralph, accompanied by the autoharp and guitar, will share stories of the “world’s oldest living cowboy.” Through working cowboy songs and humor, Steve will share his memories of working as a ranch hand for nine years. Join this duo under the moon for an evening of laughter and song.

*8:30 pm Wednesday, June 15

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 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.

Lizards of White Sands: Lizard Camp for Kids!

Explore the habitat of the lizards of White Sands National Monument. Learn how the environment has changed the color and characteristics of three particular lizard species. Class and field discussion include details about the amazing attributes of these adaptable creatures. Class is targeted for 5th–8th grade level. There is no charge for this one-day program.

*9 am–1 pm Tuesday, June 14

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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 Sunday, June 26th

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 14—August 5

Jr. Ranger Program

Junior Rangers at White Sands National Monument rule! Come join the team by participating in our new Ranger-guided Junior Ranger program. Kids will learn about the amazing white sands and earn a special Junior Ranger Patch that can only be earned on this program. Join a ranger at the visitor center for these one-hour programs. Program is targeted for children 5-12 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program is free.

*9:00 am every Saturday, June 18—August 6

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.

*1:30 pm daily, May 28—September 5

Visitor Center Hours

*8 am–7 pm April 18—September 11

Monument Hours

*7 am–10:00 pm May 22—September 3

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