



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

White Sands National Monument

PO Box 1086
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

Phone 575-479-6124
www.nps.gov/whsa

White Sands National Monument Events June 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. Programs are offered daily. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*7:00 pm May 12—August 5, 2012

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 Sunday, June 3

Full Moon Night New Mexico's Centennial

In celebration of New Mexico's centennial, Alan Osborn and Steve Cormier will bring the Land of Enchantment's rich history alive through captivating stories and cowboy music.

Alan will take us on a journey that starts with the pre-Columbian New Mexico cultures, and moves to the coming of the Spanish, Indian-Spanish relations, and Mexican and American takeovers. The program finishes with a look at the influence of White Sands National Monument and the military on modern life in the Tularosa Basin.

Through song and yarns, Steve will highlight the rich legacy of ranching in New Mexico. Cowboy songs capture what ranch and farm work was like during during the late 19th and early to mid-20th century. Steve Cormier performs these and songs he has written, reflecting his years as a ranch hand. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*8:30 pm Monday, June 4

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 Saturday, June 30

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

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.

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

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. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.**

*10:00 am every Saturday May 26—September 2, 2012

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

Visitor Center Hours *8:00 am–7:00 pm April 18—September 9, 2012

Monument Hours *7:00 am–10:00 pm May 25—September 3, 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. **Monument entrance fees are \$3.00 per person anyone 16-years and older; children 15-years old and under are free.