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White Sands National Monument Events October 2011

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.

*6:30 pm Tuesday, October 11

The Roots of Cowboy Culture

Join Rudy Avila and Alex Mares with Furs -N- Spurs Farm & Fun around a campfire for a walk through time that discusses the origins of cowboy culture. With coffee brewing and biscuits cooking in traditional Dutch ovens, Rudy and Alex will provide an overview of Native American pre-history and their contributions to modern Cowboy Culture. A chronology and description of the Spanish Entrada, with emphasis on the introduction of European plants and animals and the Arabic/Spanish/Mexican origins of terms used today by modern cowboys and vaqueros, will be shared. Afterwards, the public will be welcome to sample coffee and biscuits with the presenters. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

*7:00 pm Wednesday, October 12

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. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument. Programs are offered daily.

*5:45 pm September 19—October 2

*5:15 pm October 17—October 30

*5:30 pm October 3—October 16

*5:00 pm October 31—November 5

Crafty 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 kids 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 am every Sunday

Lake Lucero Tour

Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. 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.

*9:00 am Sunday, October 30

Dunes at Dawn

Watch the sun push over the Sacramento Mountains as the warm morning light dances on the dunes and join rangers for an early morning hike. 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.

*7:15 am Saturday, November 12

Skins and Skulls

Did you know 44 different species of mammals live at White Sands? Join rangers at 3 pm every Saturday and Sunday 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 pm every Saturday and Sunday starting on October 1.

Visitor Center Hours

*8 am–6 pm September 12—November 5

Monument Hours

*7 am–8:00 pm September 25—October 8

*7 am–7:30 pm October 9—November 5

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