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## White Sands National Monument Events October 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.\*\*

\*5:30pm October 1—October 14

\*5:00 pm October 29—November 3

\*5:15 pm October 15—October 28

\*4:00 pm November 4—December 31

### 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](http://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.\*\*

\*6:00 pm Monday, October 29

### Full Moon Night

#### Ghost Stories of the Southwest

The crisp October air won't be the only thing sending chills up your spine. Storyteller Sarah Addison, also known as Juba, is returning to White Sands to thrill you with ghost stories of the Southwest. Having learned the art of storytelling from her grandmother, Juba is dedicated to performing and preserving traditional storytelling. Come share in her passion for folklore and fable. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.\*\*

\*6:00 pm Tuesday, October 30

### USAF Band of the West

#### Gateway Brass

Enjoy the Gateway Brass band and an autumn afternoon in the monument. Join us on the dunes for this very special chamber music concert featuring six world class instrumentalists from your United States Air Force. This family-friendly program is sure to engage, entertain, and inspire patriotism. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.\*\*

\*4:00 pm Sunday, October 14

### White Sands Institute

To register for any White Sands Institute seminar for adults or class for kids, call NMSU Alamogordo Community Education at 575-439-3842.

### Botanical Treasures of the White Sands

Take a day with Jeffrey Bacon to study the environment which has challenged and changed plants in the White Sands.

\* Saturday, October 13

### White Sands Watercolors

Dan Stouffer is an award winning watercolorist of the White Sands. Learn techniques for capturing the dune shapes, shadows and vegetation during indoor demonstrations and workshop style instruction.

\*Monday—Wednesday, October 29—31

### 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 are required and can only be made via our website ([www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)) starting one month in advance of tour.

\*9 am Saturday, October 27

### Crafty Kids

In the visitor center courtyard, 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

### 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 Saturday and Sunday

### Map 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 Saturday and Sunday

**Visitor Center Hours** \*8:00 am–6:00 pm September 10—November 3

**Monument Hours** \*7:00 am–8:00 pm September 23—November 3

Schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://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.