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

\*5:30 pm September 29—October 12      \*5:00 pm October 27—November 1  
\*5:15 pm October 13—October 26

## Full Moon Hike



Have you ever wondered what the dunes look like under the glow of the moon? If so, join a ranger for a full moon hike. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website. Reservations will be accepted starting two weeks in advance of the scheduled hike. 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.\*\*

\*6:30 pm Tuesday, October 7

## Full Moon Night

**Raramuri:  
The Foot Runners of  
the Sierra Madre by  
Diana Molina**

RarAmuri, Uto-Aztecan for Tarahumara, are among the world's best runners from lives spent traversing the canyon walls and plateaus of the Sierra Madre Occidental in northern Mexico. Diana Molina, who lived among the tribe for extended periods, will feature the RarAmuri culture, discuss the impact of modern society on their lifestyle, and highlight the canyon environment. Program is made possible in collaboration with and generous support of the New Mexico Humanities Council.

\*6:30 pm Wednesday, October 8



## Step into the Past

**Fire on the Dunes:  
How Humans  
Shaped the  
Gypsum Dunes**

Wind and water are primarily responsible for shaping the gypsum dunefield. Human activities including the use of fire and mining have also contributed to the alteration of this landscape. Park archeologist Allison Harvey will present the history of mineral extraction from the dunefield and provide a demonstration of the impact fire has on this unique environment. Join Allison in the visitor center for this one-hour program. Program is free.

\*1 pm Saturday, November 1

## 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 weekends only

## 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 weekends only

**Visitor Center Hours** \*9:00 am–5:00 pm Sept 29—December 21

**Monument Hours** \*8:00 am–8:00 pm Sept 29—October 8      \*8:00 am–7:00 pm October 9—November 1

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.