

Padre Island National Seashore



Ranger Programs (June – August)

ACTIVITY	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Beach Walk <i>Daily at 11:00 a.m.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Deck Talk <i>Daily at 1:00 p.m.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Junior Ranger Program <i>Daily, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Program <i>3:00 p.m.</i> <i>Weekends only (June -August)</i>	X						X
Island by Bike <i>9:00 a.m.</i> <i>Saturdays (June – August)</i>							X
Star Party <i>8:30 p.m. on July 16th</i>							X
Art in the Park <i>10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Tuesday, June 21st and then the 3rd Wednesday of every month</i> <i>(July – October)</i> <i>Ages 12 and up. Limited space available. Please call ahead to sign up.</i>				X			
Sand Sculpting <i>3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</i> <i>2nd Thursday of every month (June – August)</i> <i>Call ahead to sign up.</i>					X		
Sea Turtle Hatchling Releases <i>Dates will vary. Please call ahead for a predicted schedule.</i>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

*****All programs are subject to change. Please call in advance.*****

Activity Descriptions

Beach Walk

Daily at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Malaquite Visitor Center and come along on a leisurely 45- to 60-minute walk with a ranger and learn about what makes Padre Island National Seashore such a special and important place. This light stroll is suitable for all ages.

Deck Talk

Daily at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join a ranger in the shade at Malaquite Visitor Center for this 30- to 45-minute talk. Topics vary depending on the ranger who is presenting.

Activity Descriptions Continued

Junior Ranger **Daily, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Stop in at the Malaquite Visitor Center and pick up a **FREE** activity book. Kids can earn their own Junior Ranger badge and have some fun while they're at it!

Family Program **3:00 p.m., Weekends (June – August)**
Have fun exploring Padre Island with a ranger. Activities may include a beach discovery program, crafts, or story time. Please call ahead for more information.

Island by Bike **9:00 a.m., Saturdays (June – August)**
Come join a ranger and explore an island shaped by storms. Along the way, you'll get to meet the people and wildlife of Padre while seeing the island's beautiful habitats on two wheels. Bring your own bike and helmet; helmets are required. We'll ride 2 miles. We recommend bringing water and wearing sunblock and sunglasses. For ages 7 and up. Meet at the Grasslands Nature Trail Parking Lot next to the Entrance Station.

Star Party **July 16 at 8:30 p.m.**
Meet at the Night-Sky Observatory in the Malaquite Visitor Center parking lot. The Corpus Christi Astronomical Society will be your guide at Padre Island, one of the best places in the area to view the night sky. This program will be held intermittently through the summer. Please call ahead for upcoming dates.

Art in the Park **10:00 – 2:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of every month (June – October)**
Meet at the Malaquite Visitor Center Auditorium for this program. All painting supplies will be provided, but you may want to bring a snack and drink. At the end of the class, you will be able to take home your own painting of Padre Island. The class is for ages 12 and up and there is a 15 person limit. Participants cannot sign up for two consecutive classes in order to accommodate those who have not yet attended the class. Sign up ahead of time at the visitor center or email chelsea_aldrich@nps.gov.

Sand Sculpting **3:00-5:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday of every month (June – August)**
Meet at Malaquite Beach in front of the visitor center to learn how to build a beautiful sand castle. There is a class size limit for 25 participants, and children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up ahead of time at the visitor center or email chelsea_aldrich@nps.gov.

Sea Turtle Hatchling Releases **Dates will vary.**
To find out more about upcoming dates for sea turtle hatchling releases, call the Hatchling Hotline at (361)949-7163. Most of the releases take place at the Malaquite Visitor Center. If you want to arrive in time for the education program prior to the release, you should try to arrive at 6:15 a.m. The actual release typically starts at approximately 6:30 a.m.
