

# Grant Grove Ranger Programs

August 6 – August 13, 2012

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## Monday, August 6

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
1:00 - 3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

## Tuesday, August 7

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
1:00 - 3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
4:30 PM Owls, Masters of the Night  
7:30 PM Evening Program:  
*The World Below the Big Trees*

## Wednesday, August 8

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk  
7:30 PM Evening Program:  
*Things That Go Bump in the Night*

## Thursday, August 9

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk  
7:30 PM Evening Program:  
*Miracle Grove*

## Friday, August 10

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
4:30 PM Meadow Meander  
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Sequoias!*  
7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*  
9:00 PM Night Sky on Park Ridge\*  
(\*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

## Saturday, August 11

9:30 AM Big Stump Hike\*  
(\*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)  
10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 - 3:30 PM Ranger in the Grove  
3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:  
*The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep*  
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*  
7:30 PM Evening Program: *A Visit With John Muir*

## Sunday, August 12

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
11:00 AM Kids Nature Hike  
3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:  
*The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep*  
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Sequoias!*  
7:30 PM Evening Program:  
*The World Below the Big Trees*

## Monday, August 13

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
11:00 AM Kids Nature Hike  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*  
7:30 PM Evening Program: *My Friend Norman Clyde*

## Program Descriptions

**Big Tree Talk:** Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to learn what it takes to be one of the largest trees on Earth. 15 minutes.

**Evening Program:** Join a ranger at the Sunset Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. 1 hour.

**Grant Tree Walk:** Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot for this easy walk through the grove. 1 hour, ½-mile walk.

**Kids' Campfire:** Ready to receive your Junior Ranger badge? Want to learn how to earn one? Join us at Sunset Amphitheater for a special Junior Ranger awards ceremony and a variety of songs, stories, or games designed especially for kids. Please come 15 minutes early if you plan to turn in a Junior Ranger booklet. ½ hour.

**Meadow Meander:** Yes, the trees are the most famous inhabitants of these parks, but the places where the trees don't grow are also important. Find out why in this easy stroll around one of our local meadows. Meet Ranger Frank in front of the Visitor Center. 1 hour, ½ mile walk.

**Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:** The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep live on the edge in more ways than one. Meet Ranger Jeremy at the Visitor Center to learn about the life of these endangered inhabitants of Kings Canyon and the on-going efforts to increase their numbers. 30 minutes.

**Owls, Masters of the Night:** Wherever you go in the parks, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet Ranger Anna in the Discovery Room at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn why owls are so successful. ½ hour.

**Ranger in the Grove:** How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger along the Grant Tree Trail to have all your sequoia questions answered. Ongoing.

**Night Sky on Park Ridge:** Want to know more about the constellations overhead? Join us for a late night of naked-eye stargazing. Sign up early for this popular program. Maximum of 25 participants, ages 5 and up. To reserve your spot, visit or phone the Kings Canyon Visitor Center at 559-565-4307. 1 ½ hours, 5 mile drive, ½ mile hike.

**Kids Nature Hike:** Take a saunter through the trails of the Grant Grove area and learn to be a naturalist during a hike designed especially for Junior Rangers (but open to all ages!). Earn a special "Let's Move Outside" Junior Ranger sticker for attending. Kids under six years old must be accompanied by an adult. 1 hour

**Big Stump Hike-** Meet at the Visitors Center for this hike to a logged grove of Sequoias. 2 hours, 1 mile

*Programs are subject to change due to weather or other disruptions. Check the program board outside the visitor center for the most up-to-date schedule.*