

# Grant Grove Ranger Programs

## August 25<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
National Parks



### Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

### Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

### Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
7:30 PM Family Campfire

### Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM California Grizzly

### Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Fridays for Families  
10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
1:00 PM Nature Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

### 7:30 PM Evening Program

*A Visit with John Muir*

### Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Family Birding Walk  
10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
7:30 PM Evening Program  
*37<sup>th</sup> Annual Parks Photo Contest*  
8:30 PM Flashlight Hike

### Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM Back to Basics  
10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk  
7:00 PM Evening Program:  
*The Predator Dilemma*

### Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk  
1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

### Program Descriptions

**Back to Basics:** *Wilderness Skills.* Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes.

**Big Tree Talk:** Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

**Nature Walk:** Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of critters in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour.

**California Grizzly:** The grizzly bear disappeared from California in 1922, when the last one was shot right here in Tulare County. Meet Ranger Frank at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn more about the history of this magnificent bear. (NPS) 30 minutes.

**Evening Program:** Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a slide show about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet.* (NPS) 1 hour.

**Family Campfire:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our National Park. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour.

**Flashlight Hike:** Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge lobby. (SFI) 1 hour.

**Family Birding Walk:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn to spot and recognize birds in the Sierra. Binoculars provided. 1.5 hours, 1 mile. (SFI)

**Fridays for Families:** Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills. (SFI) 1 hour.

**Grant Tree Walk:** This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile.

**Ranger in the Grove:** How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist on the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours.*

NPS-National Park Service Ranger SFI-Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association