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White Sands National Monument Events December 2009

Holiday Open House

White Sands National Monument invites you to help us celebrate the holiday season with our second annual open house on December 4, 2009. Enjoy live music, children's story time, luminarias around the historic adobe visitor center, and moonlit dunes from 5-8 pm. The visitor center, gift shop, and Dunes Drive will be open until 8 pm. No charge for the program. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument.

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. The setting sun is a photographer's delight, and the dunes beckon children of all ages. Program starts at the sign along the dunes drive about five miles from the visitor center. No charge for the program. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument. Programs are offered most days. Call the monument to confirm (575-679-2599).

*4:00 pm November 1-December 31 (Sunset: 5:06-5:02)

Lake Lucero Tour

Have you ever wondered how the white sands formed? Take a tour to Lake Lucero with a ranger and learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. These three-hour ranger-guided tours to the playa (dry lakebed) of Lake Lucero are offered once a month and reservations are required. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Call 575-679-2599 for more information and reservations.

*10:00 am and 2 pm November 28, 2009

*10:00 am and 2 pm December 26, 2009

Patio Talks

Join a ranger on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered and pick up tips for enjoying your stay at White Sands National Monument.

*Every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm

Visitor Center Hours *November 24–November 29: 8 am–5 pm (holiday hours)

*November 30–December 19: 9 am–5 pm

*December 20–January 3, 2010: 8 am–5 pm (holiday hours)

*The visitor center will open on Thanksgiving (November 26)

*The visitor center will closed on Christmas (December 25)

This schedule is subject to change. Activities may be cancelled due to weather or missile range activities. Visit our website (www.nps.gov/whsa) for more information.