



White Sands National Monument Events November 2011

Book Reading & Signing

Join Dia Winograd, the author of *Puffy Coyote's Adventure in White Sands*, for a lively reading of this fun children's book. This story takes place in the dunes of White Sands National Monument. A young kangaroo rat, K-Rat, and Puffy Coyote find that maybe they should have listened to what their parents said. All ages will enjoy being introduced to these characters that are native to the sand dunes and surrounding areas. The author will also be available between 11 am and 2 pm to sign books.

*10:00 am & 2:00 pm Saturday, November 26th

Bike Rodeo for Kids

The National Park Service and El Paso Bicycle Club will co-host their first Bike Rodeo for Kids at Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso, Texas. This event is free. Children wishing to participate will need to bring an adult, their bicycle, and a helmet. A limited number of helmets will be available for loan during the event for those children who don't have one. The purpose of this event is to teach children safe bicycle riding skills while also encouraging them to get outside, get active, and enjoy their local national parks and other public lands as well as their own neighborhoods as part of the First Lady's "Let's Get Outside" Initiative.

*1:00-4:00 pm Saturday, November 5th

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. Program is free. A \$3.00 per person (16 years and older) entrance fee does apply to enter the monument. Programs are offered daily.

*5:00 pm October 31—November 5

*4:00 pm November 6—December 31

Crafty Kids

Get your hands involved in learning! Join rangers in the visitor center courtyard for a one-hour craft and interpretive program. Rangers will share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adapters, and out-of-this-world geology of White Sands while guiding kids through a take-home craft project. Targeted age range is 6–10 years old. Parents are welcome to stay and participate in the program. Program is free.

*10:00 am every Sunday

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. Tour fee: \$3.00 per adult (16 years and older), \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access pass holders. Reservations can be made one month in advance at www.nps.gov/whsa. All Lake Lucero tour reservations must be made through the website.

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Dunes at Dawn

Watch the sun push over the Sacramento Mountains as the warm morning light dances on the dunes and join rangers for an early morning hike. Reservations are required and can only be made via our website (www.nps.gov/whsa). Reservations will be accepted starting two weeks in advance of the scheduled hike, and hike is limited to 40 participants. Program is free; monument entrance fees apply.

*7:15 am Saturday, November 12

Skins and Skulls

Did you know 44 different species of mammals live at White Sands? Join rangers at 3 pm every Saturday and Sunday in the visitor center courtyard for a 20-minute talk about these amazing animals. 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 every Saturday and Sunday

Visitor Center Hours

*8:00 am–6:00 pm September 12—November 5

*9:00 am–5:00 pm November 6—December 17

Monument Hours

*7:00 am–7:30 pm October 9—November 5

*7:00 am–6:00 pm November 6—December 31