

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

August 20 – August 27, 2012

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Monday, August 20

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:

The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep

7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Tuesday, August 21

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

7:30 PM Evening Program:

The World Below the Big Trees

Wednesday, August 22

7:30 PM Evening Program:

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Thursday, August 23

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:30 - 3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Friday, August 24

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

7:30 PM Evening Program:

The World Below the Big Trees

Saturday, August 25

Founders Day!

Join us in celebrating the 96th birthday of the National Park Service

Check at the Visitor Center for special Founders Day activities throughout the day, or join us on one of the ranger programs listed below.

9:00 AM Big Stump Hike* (*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

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 26

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

11:00 AM Kids' Nature Hike

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*

7:30 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Monday, August 27

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Big Tree Talk

7:30 PM Evening Program:

My Friend Norman Clyde

Program Descriptions

Big Stump Hike: Meet Ranger Farrah at the Visitor Center for this hike to the heart of the historic Big Stump Grove of giant sequoias. Reservations are required due to limited parking. Reservations can be made at the Visitor Center or by calling 559-565-4307. *2 hours, 4 mile drive, 2 mile hike.*

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, 1/2-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. *1/2 hour.*

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 1/2 hours, 1/2-mile hike.*

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.*

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.*

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.