# **Grant Grove Ranger Programs** *June 18-25, 2012*

U.S. Department of the Interior

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks





## Monday, June 18

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk 3:00 PM Discover Kings Canyon 8:00 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove* 

#### Tuesday, June 19 10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

# Wednesday, June 20

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove 3:00 PM Grant Tree Walk 8:00 PM Evening Program: Things That go Bump in the Night

#### Thursday, June 21

8:00 PM Evening Program:

A Universe of Stars

#### Friday, June 22

9:15 AM Buena Vista Peak Hike 8:00 PM Evening Program: *Fire!* 9:15 PM Night Sky on Park Ridge

#### Saturday, June 23

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk 3:00 PM Discover Kings Canyon 8:00 PM Evening Program: A Visit With John Muir

#### Sunday, June 24

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove 10:00 AM Big Tree Talk 3:00 PM Big Tree Talk 7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: Sequoias! 8 PM Evening Program: My Friend, Norman Clyde

#### Monday, June 25

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk 3:00 PM Discover Kings Canyon 8:00 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove* 

## **Program Descriptions:**

#### WALKS & TALKS

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*.

Buena Vista Peak Hike: An inspiring view awaits you at the end of this moderate hike. Meet at the visitor center to caravan to the Buena Vista trailhead, 7 miles south of Grant Grove. *3 hours*, *2 miles*.

Discover Kings Canyon: Meet at the visitor center to discover the lesser-known stories of our park. Check the program board outside the visitor center for the day's topic. *30 minutes*.

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 over 100 years. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. 1-hour, ½-mile.

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 giant sequoia questions answered. (ongoing, 1 ½ hours)

#### **EVENING PROGRAMS**

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

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. (30 minutes).

Night Sky on Park Ridge: Want to know more about the constellations overhead? Join us for a late night of naked-eye stargazing. Reservations are required, so sign up early for this popular program. Maximum of 25 participants. To reserve your spot, visit or phone the Kings Canyon Visitor Center at 559-565-4307. (1½ hours, 5 mile drive, ½ mile hike.)

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

Accessible Program