# **Grant Grove Ranger Programs** *August 13 – August 20, 2012*

U.S. Department of the Interior

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks





#### Monday, August 13

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk 11:00 AM Kids' Nature Hike

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: Wilderness Explorers

**7:30** PM Evening Program:

My Friend Norman Clyde

## Tuesday, August 14

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

7:30 PM Evening Program: Miracle Grove

## Wednesday, August 15

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Owls: Masters of the Night

7:30 PM Evening Program:

Things That Go Bump in the Night

## Thursday, August 16

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

11:00 AM Kids' Nature Hike

2:00 - 3:30 PM Ranger in the Grove

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: Sequoias!

7:30 PM Evening Program:

My Friend Norman Clyde

# Friday, August 17

9:30 am Big Stump Hike\* (\*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk 11:00 AM Kids' Nature Hike

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: Wilderness Explorers

7:30 PM Evening Program: Fire!

## Saturday, August 18

9:30 AM Kids' Nature Hike

2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: Bears

7:30 PM Evening Program: A Visit With John Muir

#### Sunday, August 19

10:00 AM Kids' Nature Hike

11:00 AM Big Tree Talk

6:30 PM Kids' Campfire: Wilderness Explorers

## Monday, August 20

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

3:00 PM Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep

7:30 PM Evening Program: Grizzly Bears

# **Program Descriptions**

**Big Stump Hike-** Meet Ranger Anna at the Visitor Center for a special hike to a logged grove of Sequoias. Space is limited, so sign up in advance at the Visitor Center or call 559-565-4307. 2.5 *hours*, 5 *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*, ½-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. ½ 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 ½ hour, 1 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.

Owls, Masters of the Night: Wherever you go in the parks, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet Ranger Anna in the Discovery Room at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn why owls are so successful.

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.