

## WHITE SANDS FIELD TRIP

FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2008

**MEETING PLACE:** Visitor's Center at the White Sands National Monument 15 miles SW of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Alamogordo is approximately 210 miles South of Albuquerque via routes #25, #380 and #54.

**MEETING TIME:** 2PM on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:45AM on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>

**INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS:**

An admission charge of \$3 per person is good for one week. There is no charge for people with valid passes (National Park Pass, Golden Age Golden Eagle or Golden Access) or those in their vehicle.

The Dunes Drive Entrance opens at 7AM and closes at 5PM; however, those still inside the Monument don't have to exit until one hour after sunset. Sunset is approx 5:50PM.

For those wanting to be in the Monument for sunrise photography, arrangements have been made for an early gate opening at 6AM on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Sunrise is at 6:46AM. There is; however, a charge of \$50 for an early gate opening. This can be divided amongst those planning to photograph the sunrise. The fee has to be paid on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. The group going in has to be at the Visitor's Center at 5:45AM on Sunday. All going in have to be at the gate at 5:55. No one late gets in.

The best time to photograph is early to mid-morning and mid-afternoon until after sunset. The light can be very intense the rest of the day.

Average temperatures are: high of 61 and a low of 33.

**ACCOMODATIONS:** Please make your own arrangements

Below is a list of AAA recommended motels in Alamogordo.

Best Western Desert Aire Inn	505-437-2110
Comfort Inn and Suites	505-434-4200
Hampton Inn	505-439-1782
Super 8 Motel	505-434-4205
Western Motel	505-437-2922
Satellite Inn	505-437-8454

**CARPOOLING:** Those wanting to car pool please e-mail Peter Kelling at [cloudsandwater@juno.com](mailto:cloudsandwater@juno.com) and I will make arrangements.

**CONTACT INFO:** Any questions call Peter Kelling at 856-2922 or e-mail at the above address