

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

2019 Schedule for "Science Saturdays" at The Grand Mesa Visitor Center



All 2019 programs are at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center from 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted (GPS: 20900 Baron Lake Drive, Cedaredge, Colorado). The Visitor Center is located on Highway 65 and Forest Road 121. For more info: 970-856-4153

June 22

The Awesome Night Sky: Join us for an evening of star gazing on the Grand Mesa. Program starts at 8:15 in the visitor center. At 9:00 we will adjourn outside for star viewing with Art Trevena and Black Canyon Astronomical Society. Come enjoy the night sky and see the stars!

June 29

Purple Martens, Aspen Ecology and Birds of the Grand Mesa and Beyond: Join us to learn about Purple Martens and other birds. Presented by Paonia Wildlife Biologist, Dennis Garrison.

July 6

Wildflowers on the Grand Mesa: Come and learn all about all the wonderful wildflowers on the Grand Mesa. Enhance your knowledge of the wildflower species and learn how to identify them. We will have an indoor slide show and with weather permitting we will go outside to identify flowers by the visitor center. Presented by Dave Sussman.

July 13

Mountains Lions on the Mesa: Learn some interesting facts and safety tips about Mountain Lions. Presented by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Cody Purcell.

July 20

Fire Ecology and Safety: When is it necessary to prevent fires in the forest? Why are fires sometimes needed in the forest? Presented by Fire Behavior Analyst, Time Foley of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

July 27

Grand Mesa Moose Day: Spend the day at the Grand Mesa Visitor to learn more about the local Moose population. Special activities to commemorate our 10th Annual Mooseday will be conducted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service. From 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

August 3

Invasive and Noxious Weeds on the Grand Mesa: Learn how invasive and noxious weeds effect the ecosystem on the Grand Mesa. How can you do your part to stop them? Presented by U.S. Forest Service, Colton Rosalez, Rangeland Management Specialist.



August 9

Smokey Bear's Birthday: Join the US. Forest Service to celebrate Smokey Bear's 75th birthday! Enjoy Smokey's birthday cake, available while it lasts.

August 17

Birdology: Use study skins, a simple guide, and a bit of avian psychology to learn basic bird identification; the first step in becoming part of one of the fastest growing sports in America. Presented by Sheryl Radovich, Black Canyon Audubon Society.

August 24

Wildlife and Management Actions on the Grand Mesa and the Boreal Forest Ecosystem: A discussion about the various wildlife species that are found in the boreal forest ecosystem found on the Grand Mesa and how the Forest Service works to maintain habitat for these species with their management actions. Presented by U.S. Forest Service, Eric Freels, District Wildlife Biologist for the Grand Valley Ranger District.

August 31

Insect Pollination: Learn how insects pollinate the flowers on the Grand Mesa. Presented by Susan Carter, Horticulture and Natural Resources Agent, Colorado State University Extension Office.

September 29

Color Sunday: Drive up and enjoy the changing fall colors on the Grand Mesa Scenic and Historic Byway. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.