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## How did the Sand Dunes get there?

### Great Sand Dunes National Park

**Educational Activity Overview:** Before you visit Great Sand Dunes National Park, explore this amazing National Park and Preserve's [website](#). Once in the Park, your first stop should be the visitors center to check out the interactive exhibits and view a short 20-minute video. Don't forget to pick out a Be a Junior Ranger booklet or backpack at the Visitor's Center for even more activities.

Kids will build a sequence chart for this activity. A sequence chart helps kids understand the order of events. Beginning in the first box, write or draw the first event that happened to make the sand dunes, and then next, and so on. [Find the answers here.](#)

**Activity:** Before heading out to enjoy a sled down the dunes or dipping your toes in Medano Creek, create a sequence chart to understand how the dunes were formed in the first place.

- [Grades K-2 Sequence Chart: How the Great Sand Dunes were formed](#)
- [Grades 3-5 Sequence Chart: How the Great Sand Dunes were formed](#)

**Additional Resources:** The Great Sand Dunes National Park has its own [Youtube channel](#) filled with videos sharing the beauty, majesty, culture, history and fun found in the park.

If you are lucky enough to spend the night at or near Great Sand Dunes National Park, make sure to enjoy the amazing stargazing opportunities by

- [Watching the Experiencing the Night short video](#)
- Participate in one of the night sky programs held throughout summer.
- Complete the Junior Ranger Night Explorer booklet which you can pickup at the Visitor's Center.