



2009 Winter Star Party

Schedule of Events

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Saturday, February 21st - No Speakers or Workshops Scheduled

11 - 11:30AM - Group 1 RV Entry Window (please consult your registration packet for your assigned RV entry window)

11:30AM - 12PM - Group 2 RV Entry Window (please consult your registration packet for your assigned RV entry window)

12 - 12:30PM - Group 3 RV Entry Window (please consult your registration packet for your assigned RV entry window)

1PM - *Gate Opens, Registration & Sales Desk open for extended hours*

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Sunday, February 22nd - No Speakers or Workshops Scheduled

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

10AM to 12PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

10AM to 1PM - Registration & Sales Desk open

1 to 3PM - **Prize Wheel Drawing #1 with Charlie Perillo! + "Welcome to the 2009 WSP" By Tippy D'Auria at the Fire Pit + ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7 to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

8PM - *"Oscar Night" - The 81st Annual Academy Awards will be presented in the wheelhouse via Satellite TV for anyone wanting to watch*

Monday, February 23rd

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

9AM to ? - *Swap Meet* at the Fire Pit

10AM to 12PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities ((Meet at the YAC Chickee)

10AM to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk open

12:30PM - *Prize Wheel Drawing #2 with Charlie Perillo!*

11:30AM to 12:30PM - **Presentation: Brian Lula - "Building Telescopes at the Bleeding Edge"**

12:30PM to 2PM - **Presentation: Dr. Russell Romanella – "The Exploration Mission"**

2 to 3PM - **Presentation: Dr. Howard Eskildsen - "Hooked on the Moon"**

3 to 4PM - **Presentation: Andrew Allen (Retired NASA Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander)**

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7 to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Tuesday, February 24th

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

10AM to 12PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

10AM to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk Open

12:30PM - *Prize Wheel Drawing #3 with Charlie Perillo!*

11:30AM to 1PM - **Presentation: Andrew Allen (Retired NASA Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander)**

1 to 2PM - **Presentation: Roger Ceragioli - "The Achromatic Refractor"**

2 to 3PM - **Presentation: Dr. Don Parker - Planet Imaging**

3 to 4PM - **Presentation: Tippy D'Auria - "The Winter Star Party: If You Build It, They Will Come - A 25 Year Retrospect"**

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7 to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Wednesday, February 25th

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

10AM to 12PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

10AM to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk Open

10:30AM to 11:30AM - Wheelhouse Reserved for the YAC'ers (with Bob Summerfield – “Visitors from Space”, All Welcome!)

12:30PM - *Prize Wheel Drawing #4 with Charlie Perillo!*

1PM to 2PM - **Presentation: Sheldon Faworski (Topic to be announced later)**

2 to 3PM - **Presentation: Jim Moronski & Gregory Terrance (Topic to be announced later)**

3 to 4PM - **Presentation: Richard Crisp – “Residual Bulk Image in CCD’s” & Photon Transfer Methods for Characterizing Imaging Systems”**

4PM - ***** *FREE BBQ Dinner for ALL Ticketed WSP Attendees!* *****

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7 to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Thursday, February 26th

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

9AM to? - *Swap Meet* at the Fire Pit

10AM to 12PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

10 to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk Open

10:30AM to 11:30AM - Wheelhouse Reserved for the YAC'ers (with Dr. Mike Reynolds – “Meteorite Hunting”, All Welcome!)

12:30PM - *Prize Wheel Drawing #5 with Charlie Perillo!*

1 to 2PM - **Presentation: Ron DiIulio - "Exoplanet Hunting"**

2 to 3PM - **Presentation: Dr. James Webb - "An Evening at the Edge of the Universe"**

3 to 4PM - **Presentation: Alan French - "The Mythical World of Telescopes"**

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7 to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Friday, February 27th - No Speakers or Workshops Scheduled

1:32AM – Launch of Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-119) on its way to the ISS. Launch date still under review by NASA.

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

9AM - *Astrophotography Contest Entry Deadline* (Deadline subject to change due to scheduling considerations, please check back often!)

9:30AM to 11PM - Young Astronomers Camp Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

11AM to 1PM - *Door Prize Giveaway at the Fire Pit* (**You MUST be present to win a door prize**)

1pm to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk Open (Registration and Sales will be closed during the Door Prize Giveaway)

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7pm to 9PM - Young Astronomers Camp Evening Activities (Meet at the YAC Chickee)

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Saturday, February 28th - No Speakers or Workshops scheduled

7AM - Main gate open to vehicular traffic

10 to 2PM - Registration & Sales Desk Open

6PM - All vehicles must be removed from the "berm" area by this time

7PM - Main gate closed to vehicular traffic...*then we observe under the finest southern skies until dawn!*

Sunday, Mar. 1 - *Attendees must vacate the Camp by 10 a.m. Only WSP Staff are allowed to remain for additional cleanup work.*

Prize Wheel Drawing Rules

The Prize Wheel event will be held at the fire pit each day for 5 days and spinning for a total of 25 fun prize winners over the 5 days. ***Winners do not need to be present to win, but must claim their prize during the 2009 Winter Star Party.*** The winning numbers will be displayed at Registration and the winning ticket holders will draw a WSP fun prize from Tippy's Treasure Chest during Registration hours.