



ASTROFILES

Auburn Astronomical Society Newsletter

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AAS Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the AAS will be Friday, October 7, 2016. We will meet at 7:45 PM CT in our usual location which is Room 215 of Davis Hall (Aerospace Engineering) on the AU campus. The Auburn football game for that weekend will be out of town, so local traffic should be more "normal" (whatever that is!). Additional information about our activities can be found at our website <http://www.auburnastro.org>

Upcoming AAS Star Gazes

A star gaze is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Horseshoe Bend National Military Park which is about 12 miles northeast of Dadeville, AL. Take Alabama Highway 49 from US280 and this will take you right into the park and visitor center. Admission is free. The event is from 6:30 - 8:00 PM CT, so AAS members should plan to arrive prior to that to set up their scopes. There will be a short indoor presentation for visitors by park personnel before coming outside for observing.

A star gaze is also scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Alabama Wildlife Federation/Nature Center in Millbrook, AL, in the Montgomery area. No times are available at this point.

A home-schooled group in the Prattville area has requested a star gaze on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. They don't have a specific location in mind, but we are going to see if it can also be held at the Alabama Wildlife Federation/Nature Center in Millbrook, AL. Additional information will be posted as soon as it is available. *Note: this is on a weekday evening, so please let me know if you will be able to help us out on this one.*



Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
Daviston, Alabama

National Park Service
U.S. Department of Interior

The Night Sky Comes Alive!

At
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
Daviston, Alabama

When: October 8, 2016
6:30 pm – 8:00pm

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is pleased to host an evening of stargazing, offering an opportunity to view and learn about the constellations and night sky. The program will include an indoor slideshow presentation followed by a constellation tour outside with Members from the Auburn Astronomical Society.

All activities will take place at the visitor center in the front of the park and are free for the public. For more information please call Horseshoe Bend National Military Park at 256-234-7111.



Experience Your America

The AAS held a star gaze/club meeting at Wind Creek State Park on Saturday, September 10, 2016. This was in lieu of our regular September club meeting in Auburn. With a home football game that weekend, it was best if we met away from Auburn. Thanks to AAS members Allen Screws, Frank Ward, Mike Lewis and John Wingard for coming and setting up scopes. We had a few park visitors drop by, but the attendance was off considerably from earlier events. We also had another star gaze scheduled in the park on October 22nd, but we have decided to cancel it since the park attendance has dropped off since Labor Day. We will likely have more events at the park next year.

AAS member Mike Lewis provided the photo below that he took at the annual October star gaze put on by the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC) , the club he belonged to before moving to Alabama. Mike says that there are usually 100+ scopes and up to 300 people in attendance for this rather large event.





Auburn Astronomical Society
Membership Application Form

Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Application* ____/____/____

E-mail:

Telescope(s):

Area(s) of special interest:

Enclose: \$20.00 for regular membership, payable in January. *Full-Time* student membership is half the Regular rate.

* If you're joining after January, refer to the Prorated Dues Table below:

Jan \$20.00	Feb \$18.33	Mar \$16.66	Apr \$14.99	May \$13.33	Jun \$11.66
Jul \$10.00	Aug \$8.33	Sep \$6.66	Oct \$4.99	Nov \$2.33	Dec \$1.66

Make checks payable to: Auburn Astronomical Society and return this application to:

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