

ACTIVITIES

GAZING with the Stars - STAR Party

- Date:** Saturday, August 11, 2018
- Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
We may meet earlier for pre-coctails
- Location:** Mingo Creek Park Observatory
Shelter 10 and the Observatory
Sichi Hill Road off Route 136
Finleyville, PA 15332
- Host:** RSVP if you plan to attend:
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As the weather was not the best in June, we decided to try it again. Come join your PSC friends for a fun evening gazing at the Stars and where the Amateur Astronomy Association of Pittsburgh will be hosting a Star Party. This event is free and open to the public (*donations accepted*).

Mingo Park is home to an observatory that houses 2 large permanently mounted telescopes and a Planetarium. Sky shows, speakers and astronomy presentations are held at 7 p.m. in the planetarium – regardless of the weather. We will begin our evening with this 7 pm show presentation. We then can observe night sky objects through telescopes with the guidance of knowledgeable amateurs. Some Amateur Astronomy Members who set up their own personal telescopes and are happy to talk about telescopes and astronomy in general.

Solar observations begin about 1.5 hours before the sun sets. Please feel free to bring your own

What to Bring..... Dress appropriately for the weather – Layers, head cover, gloves – it can get cold even in summer. Something to drink – hot or cold – alcoholic beverages not permitted. A blanket or folding chair. NOTE: there is no running water at the observatory – there is a handicap accessible port-o-john. Smoking is NOT permitted as it fouls the optics of the telescopes!

Directions:

Once inside the park, follow the signs for “Shelter 10 and the Observatory”. Please try to arrive before dusk so as not to shine headlights in the viewing area.

AND Turn OFF your headlights when you enter the Observatory grounds and drive to your parking spot using parking lights only.

<https://www.co.washington.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/194>

Gimme a Map

Mingo Creek County Park

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