



ISLAND STAR PARTY

Come join us! Learn Astronomy
and Explore the Night Sky

July 17-19, 2009

At the Victoria Fish and Game Association
Holker Place, Malahat (near the Summit)

Gates will open at 12pm noon on Friday. Camp on the field with your telescope. Power is available for telescope-related equipment only.

Cost: \$30 single and \$35 couple or family (max 4 children under age 21). Fee includes tickets for daily door prizes for children & adults, lectures, access pass to the field and camping on site. Special visitor's pass: \$10 single, \$15 family, per night, no camping. Door prize winners must be in attendance at the time of the draw to collect their prize.

See RASC Victoria Centre www.victoria.rasc.ca/events/StarParty/
or Cowichan Valley Starfinders www.starfinders.ca/starparty.htm

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Friday 17th:

- 12:00pm noon till dark – gates open
- 5:00pm-6:30pm – dinner time
- 7:00pm – Presentation
“How to become an Astronaut”
Dr. Geoff Steeves, physicist and CSA astronaut finalist
- 8:00pm – Door prizes
- 9:00pm – Guided Telescope Walk and “Astronomy 101” workshop, followed by viewing of the night sky

Saturday 18th

- 8-10am – breakfast, Lunch at Noon
- Solar viewing – all day
- 1:00pm – Astronomy Swap Meet
- 2:00pm – Workshops: Collimation, Digital Astrophotography
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm – dinner time
- 7:00pm – Presentation
“Binocular Astronomy” Gary Seronik, author “Binocular Highlights,” editor Rukl’s “Atlas of the Moon,” both published by Sky and Telescope
- 8:00pm – Door prizes
- 9:00pm – Guided Telescope Walk and Binocular Tour of the sky with Gary Seronik, followed by viewing of the night sky

Sunday 19th:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Cleanup (Please pitch-in & help)
- 12 noon – early departures please!

Facilities:

- Large camping area on the Field
- Lots of parking - both on-field and parking lot
- Showers and Washrooms
- Large Clubhouse (seats 200 people)
- Food – Brenda's Kitchen will do the cooking for you. Very reasonable prices, and the food is great! (Approximately CDN\$20/day per person for 3 meals)
- Large field (complete with power on the field for your astronomy equipment)

Vendor – Island Eyepiece & Telescope Ltd.

Brian and Joanne will be on hand to assist with your questions and equipment needs

■ And last but not least, a good 360° view of the night sky, see the Moon, Planets, Galaxies and more.

Directions:

From Duncan: Drive South on Highway 1 to just past the Malahat Summit. Turn left on Holker Place at the Spectacle Lake intersection. *Caution: no left turn lane! Turn right on Spectacle Lake Road and double back if traffic is heavy.*

From Victoria: Drive North on Highway 1 past the (South) Shawnigan Lake Road intersection. Turn right onto Holker Place at the Spectacle Lake intersection.

All are welcomed. Don't have a scope? No problem, our members will be happy to give you a tour of heavens above!

Facilities are open to all registered visitors.

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