RASCals STAR PARTY

Come join us! Learn Astronomy and Explore the Night Sky

August 13-15, 2010

At the Metchosin Municipal Grounds
behind the Metchosin Fire Hall
4440 Happy Valley Road

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

Cost: Public welcome free of charge. RASC members and visiting observers $20, one day or two, kids free. Admission includes tickets for daily door prizes for children & adults, lectures, access pass to the field and camping on site. (*Winners must be in attendance at the time of the draw to collect their prize.*)

See http://victoria.rasc.ca/events/StarParty/ for more details.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Friday 13th:

- **12:00pm noon till dark – gates open**
- **7:00pm – Presentation**

Dr. Dennis Crabtree of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, Victoria, will speak on his work with the 8 metre Gemini Telescopes in Chile and Hawaii.

- **8:00pm – Door prizes**
- **9:00pm – Guided Telescope Walk and "Astronomy 101" workshop, followed by viewing of the night sky**

Saturday 14th

- **Solar viewing – all day**
- 1:00pm – Astronomy Swap Meet
- **2:00pm – Workshops: Collimation, Digital Astrophotography**
- 4:00pm –6:00pm – activities for the kids
- **7:00pm – Presentation**

Dr. Brenda Matthews of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics will talk about the search for extra-solar planets.

- **8:00pm – Door prizes**
- **9:00pm – Guided Telescope Walk and Binocular Tour of the sky followed by viewing of the night sky**

Sunday 15th:

- 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
- **Food** – Restaurants nearby.
- Large field (complete with power on the field for your astronomy equipment)

- **Island Eyepiece & Telescope Ltd.**

Brian and Joanne will be on hand to help you 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 Millstream Rd (Route 14 – Sooke Exit), drive South to Sooke Rd., turn right, and follow to Happy Valley Rd., turn left, and follow all the way to the Fire Hall.

From Victoria: Follow the Island Highway South from Highway 1 to Metchosin Rd., turn left and follow it all the way to its intersection with Happy Valley Rd. Turn right there, drive a hundred meters and the Fire Hall will be on your left.

All are welcome. Don't have a scope? No problem, RASC members will be happy to give you a tour of heavens above! Have a scope and don't know how to use it? We'll show you how at the Beginners Corner!

This is a presentation of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Victoria Centre. Courtesy of the District of Metchosin.

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