# SOCIETY OF CANADA

# **RASCals STAR PARTY**

# Come join us! Learn Astronomy and Explore the Night Sky

July 29-31, 2011

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 and setup 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 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 29th:

- 12:00pm noon till dark gates open
- 8:00pm Door prizes
- 8:30pm Presentation

Dr. Rita K. Mann of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, Victoria, will speak on planetary formation.

9:30pm - Guided Telescope Walk and "Astronomy 101" workshop, followed by viewing of the night sky

## Saturday 30th

- Solar viewing all day
- 1:00pm Astronomy Swap Meet
- 2:00pm 5:00pm Workshops:

Amateur Spectroscopy, Travel Astrophotography, Observing the Herschel Objects (all of them!)

- 4:00pm –6:00pm activities for the kids
- 8:00pm Door prizes
- 8:30pm Presentation

Dr. John Blakeslee of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics will talk about astronomical themes in poetry.

9:30pm - Guided Telescope Walk and "Astronomy 101" workshop, followed by viewing of the night sky

### Sunday 31th:

- 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 Saturday 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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