



# RASCals STAR PARTY

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

**August 17-19, 2012**

**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: Free of charge! RASC members and visiting observers** (who stay overnight): suggested donation of **\$20/Adult one day or two.** Everyone present is entitled to tickets for door prizes, lectures and access to the observing field. *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 17<sup>th</sup>:

- 12:00pm noon till dark – gates open
- 8:00pm – Door prizes
- 8:30pm – Speaker: **CASTOR**, the scope to 'fill the void of the de-orbiting of the HST' by Dr. J.J. Kavelaars of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics.
- 9:30pm – **Guided Telescope Walk and "Astronomy 101" workshop, followed by viewing of the night sky**

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

- **Solar viewing – all day**
- 1:00pm – Astronomy Swap Meet
- 2:00pm - **Workshops: Spectroscopy II & Observing Lists and Awards**
- 4:00pm –6:00pm – activities for the kids
- 8:00pm – Door prizes
- 8:30pm – Speaker: **"Space Junk"** by Dr. Cassandra Fallscheer, Postdoctoral, University of Victoria, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics.
- 9:30pm – **Guided Telescope Walk, followed by viewing of the night sky**

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>:

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

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

## 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:** Drive West 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.

## 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!



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