



Advisory

Public Outings & Observatory Visitors

Dr. Jerry Galloway Astronomy Activities

Below are some points to consider before attending a star party or astronomy event or the observatory. These are designed to improve the enjoyment of you and everyone at the events. Feel free to print a hardcopy and share with others who may attend.

Concerns for Visitors

1. No reason to have unrealistic expectations: you will not see images like photos published in books. The eye, *especially at night*, does not see color or detail like a long-term photograph.
2. Many obstacles can interfere with successful image viewing: atmosphere, moisture, weather, temperature, equipment, etc.
3. Nightly Bugs are out for the evening just like you. Wear bug spray – but do NOT apply bug spray around the equipment or other guests.
4. Inside an observatory, temperature & bugs are much like outside... dress accordingly (gloves, ear muffs, etc.).
5. Do NOT shine or even bring white flashlights around the viewing area. Either get adjusted to the dark or bring red LED lights.
6. Do not shine car headlights into viewing area. Turn headlights OFF and drive SLOW as you approach. Watch for small children and equipment.
7. All equipment is delicate, fragile and expensive. Only Dr. Galloway will operate the equipment.
8. Do not touch the telescope or optical equipment with your hands. That is, do not grasp the telescope as you look in it - except your eye touching the eyepiece cup is ok.
9. If anything is damaged - please notify Dr. G. immediately. It's no fun to find it later and accidents do happen.
10. The environment should be kept quiet and serious even as we all enjoy the fun and excitement of the sky. Keep off-topic discussion to a minimum.
11. Children not under the strictest control for noise, movement, or behavior will be dismissed. Children are welcome but their attention to astronomy is expected. Generally, kids younger than age eight (8) are not likely to attend well nor appreciate the scope of the activity.
12. Sign up for the Google Groups club to get more involved & bring friends.

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