

Astronomy Day 2011

At Sky Meadows State Park – May 7th – 3 to 11 PM

The whole family can enjoy safe views of the sun, special presentations, fun for kids and spectacular views of the night sky at Astronomy Day 2011 hosted by the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club at Sky Meadows State Park on Saturday, May 7th. www.novac.com for more info.



- Astronomy Day is for the public and is a free event
- No astronomy experience is needed to attend and enjoy, but bring binoculars if you own them. They are a great way to observe the night sky
- Bring some warm clothes as it does get chilly after the sun sets
- Presentations will be held in our large tent regardless of the weather
- Don't be shy! All our members will be happy to share views of the night sky and to answer your questions

Location: The park is less than 2 miles south of Paris, VA, via US Rte. 50 to Rte. 17 South; or 7 miles north of I-66, Exit 23 on Rte. 17 North, The park entrance is at State Rte. 710. The park charges a \$4 per vehicle entrance fee.

Schedule of Events

3:00 PM – Open to the Public

- Safe Solar Viewing
- Browse the NOVAC Club Tent
- Night Sky Network for Kids
- 2nd Annual Art Contest Display

3:30 “Your Place in Space” (On the Field)

Led by NOVAC member Bill Burton

4:00 “Getting Started in Astrophotography”

With NOVAC member Michael Hester

4:30 “Nebulas, Cluster & Galaxies, Oh My!”

With NOVAC member Cal Powell

Special Guest Speakers

5:00 Greg Redfern JPL Solar System Ambassador

“The Chesapeake Bay Impact Crater: A Cosmic Detective Story”

6:30 Sebastien Besse – Research Associate

University of Maryland Astronomy Dept.

“Mission Highlights of the Current Moon/Comet/Asteroid/Mercury Probes”

Twilight – Night sky tour led by Ed Witkowski

