

# Astronomy Day 2010

## at Sky Meadows State Park

### April 24th — 3 to 11 p.m.



Hosted by NOVAC:  
The Northern Virginia Astronomy Club  
[www.novac.com](http://www.novac.com)

- Astronomy Day events are free and open to the public! A great experience for the whole family.
- This is a rain or shine event.
- No astronomy experience or equipment is needed to attend and enjoy the event— but bring binoculars if you own them as they're a great way to view the night sky.
- Don't be shy! All of our club members will be happy to share views of the heavens and answer your questions.
- Bring some warm clothes as it does get chilly after the sun sets!



### Schedule of Events

**3:00 PM - Open to the public**

- Safe solar viewing
- Night Sky Networks Program
- Browse the NOVAC guest tent



**3:45 PM - Announcement of the winners of NOVAC's First-Annual Art Contest**

**4:00 PM - Arlen Raasch**

*"Collimating Your Newtonian Telescope"*

**4:30 PM - Dr. Harold Geller**

George Mason University Observatory Director  
*"In Search of Extrasolar Planets with Small Telescopes"*

**5:00 PM - Guest Speaker - Tom Hill**

The Aerospace Corp. & The Mars Society  
*"Space: An Update"*

**6:30 PM - Guest Speaker - Dr. Brian Jackson**

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center  
*"Distant Worlds: An Introduction to Extrasolar Planets"*

**Twilight - Night Sky Tour** led by Ed Witkowski

**Location:** The park is less than two miles south of Paris, Va., via U.S. Route 50 to Route 17 South; or seven miles north of I-66, Exit 23 on Route 17 North. The park entrance is on State Route 710. The park charges a \$4 per vehicle entrance fee.