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RE: Bring Your Own Telescope Night at the Lake Afton Public Observatory.

Learn How to Use Your Telescope from the Pros

So you have a telescope but you haven't figured out how to get the most out of it yet? You're in luck! The Lake Afton Public Observatory and the Kansas Astronomical Observers (KAO) invite you to bring your telescope to the Observatory for one or more "*Bring Your Own Telescope*" events this summer. At these events, members of the KAO, will be on hand to help you learn how to take full advantage of your telescope's capabilities. Bring your telescope to the observing pad behind (North of) the Observatory building where members of the KAO will be waiting to assist you.

Kansas Astronomical Observers members will also have a number of different types of

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Program Information:
(316) WSU-STAR
Internet:
<http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo>

Observatory:
20 mi. SW of downtown Wichita
on MacArthur Rd. at 247th St. W.
(316) 794-8995

Opening Times and Admission

The Lake Afton Public Observatory is open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings. From May 1st through August 31st, the regularly scheduled public programs run from 9:00 - 11:00 pm. Admission to the Observatory is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 get in for free. We also have a special family admission where 2 adults and their immediate minor children or grandchildren get in for \$15.00. Current program information is available from our information line at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or on our website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo> or you can “friend” the Lake Afton Public Observatory on Facebook.

Location

The Observatory is located about 20 miles southwest of downtown Wichita on MacArthur Road at 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park. It is immediately north of the lake, just off MacArthur Road. Lake Afton can be reached by any of the following routes: west from Wichita on U.S. 54 to the Lake Afton sign at Viola Road three miles past Goddard, then three miles south and one mile east; or southwest on K-42, 7 miles to Schulte and nine miles west on MacArthur.

The Lake Afton Public Observatory is operated by the Fairmount Center for Science and Mathematics Education, a part of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Science at Wichita State University. Additional support is provided by Sedgwick County.

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