

3RD ANNUAL SOUTHWEST ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

EVENT SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER
27-29, 2019



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FRIDAY SEPT. 27TH IRON COUNTY

SUMA SUN PARTY & ART ACTIVITIES

WHERE: Southern Utah Museum of Art

TIME: 12-3 pm

DESCRIPTION: Inside families will create space inspired pour art, and outside the Ashcroft Observatory team will be there to show people the sun through a special solar telescope that allows you to see sunspots!

WRITING WORKSHOP: PUTTING THE SCIENCE INTO SCI-FI

WHERE: SUU Gerald Sherratt Library in Room 002

TIME: 3-4 pm

DESCRIPTION: Learn how to blend the science of astronomy with the sci-fi version of space in this workshop. Led by Amy Oliver, Public Affairs Officer for the Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics & Christopher Clark, Engagement and Outreach Librarian at SUU.

STAR PARTY @ THE OBSERVATORY

WHERE: Ashcroft Observatory

TIME: 8-10 pm

DESCRIPTION: Join the Ashcroft Observatory for a star party, just on the outskirts of Cedar City, UT.



FRIDAY SEPT. 27TH WASHINGTON COUNTY

JR. RANGER NIGHT @ TONAQUINT

WHERE: Tonaquint Park Nature Center

TIME: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Registration required, please call Amber Franklin at (435) 688-3298 to secure a spot. Enjoy an evening of family centered night sky activities. Star Party to follow at 8:00 PM.

NIGHT SKY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH BETTYMAYA FOOTT

WHERE: Public Lands Office

345 E Riverside Dr. St. George, UT

TIME: 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Registration required, please call Amber Franklin at (435) 688-3298 to secure a spot. Bring the Milky Way to life in your own unique photographs. (Cover image by Bettymaya Foott)

FRIDAY SEPT. 27TH PIPE SPRING, AZ

SOLAR VIEWING @ PIPE SPRING

WHERE: Pipe Spring National Monument

TIME: 1-4 pm (AZ time)

DESCRIPTION: Join us on the back patio of the visitor center to look through a special telescope specifically for the Sun and learn about the heritage of the night sky.

HERITAGE OF OUR NIGHT SKY

WHERE: Kaibab Paiute Library

TIME: 2-4 pm (AZ time)

DESCRIPTION: Join us at the Kaibab Paiute Tribal community library to learn about how the Heritage of Our Night Sky connects to the Southern Paiute people. And build your own solar system project with the kids!

* Registration is not required to attend these events, unless explicitly stated.

★ SATURDAY SEPT. 28TH IRON COUNTY

CEDAR CITY LIBRARY IN THE STARS

WHERE: Cedar City Main Library

TIME: 12-4 pm

DESCRIPTION: Join rangers from Cedar Breaks National Monument, and astronomy outreach teams from Southern Utah Space Foundation, and the Ashcroft Observatory for an astronomy exhibit, solar viewing, photography workshop, and indoor planetarium!

STAR PARTY @ CEDAR BREAKS

WHERE: Cedar Breaks National Monument

TIME: 8-10 pm

DESCRIPTION: Join the Cedar Breaks rangers on our Point Supreme Overlook (just past the Visitor Center) to look through some amazing telescopes in this designated dark sky park. We will have a constellation tour and many, many telescopes set up to see the planets, nebulae, galaxies, and more. Please carpool if you can. Parking is limited.

NIGHT SKY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH MIKE SAEMISCH

WHERE: Cedar Breaks NM, Park Offices

TIME: 7:30- 9:30 PM

DESCRIPTION: Registration required, please email swastrofest@gmail.com to secure a spot. Join professional night sky photographer Mike Saemisch to shoot the stars in beautiful Cedar Breaks National Monument. (Image by Mike Saemisch)



★ SATURDAY SEPT. 28TH WASHINGTON COUNTY

SOLAR PARTY @ THE MUSEUM

WHERE: St. George Children's Museum

TIME: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Learn about our solar system and safely look for sunspots and flares on the earth's closest star, the sun!

PAINT NIGHT @ TONAQUINT

WHERE: Tonaquint Park Nature Center

TIME: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Registration required, please call Amber Franklin at (435) 688-3298 to secure a spot. Create your own unique night sky painting during this free introductory painting class.

STAR PARTY @ IVINS

WHERE: Ivins Unity Park

TIME: 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Experience an example of an emerging Dark Sky City.

DESERT DISCOVERIES AFTER DARK

WHERE: Location TBD

TIME: 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Registration required. Discover the hidden world after sundown. Easy to moderate hike, 1-3 miles, ages 15+, 10 participants max. Register by calling ranger Melissa at 435-688-3283 or 435-359-3477.

★ SATURDAY SEPT. 28TH PIPE SPRING, AZ

STAR PARTY @ PIPE SPRING

WHERE: Pipe Spring National Monument:

Kaibab Paiute Tribe RV Park and Campground

TIME: 7-10 pm (AZ time)

DESCRIPTION: Join rangers and the Kaibab Paiute tribe for a star party, songs, stories of the night sky (if season permits), and celestial viewing of stars and planets. Hot coco and cookies will be served.



SUNDAY SEPT. 29TH IRON COUNTY

STAR PARTY @ CEDAR BREAKS

WHERE: Cedar Breaks National Monument

TIME: 8-10 pm

DESCRIPTION: Join rangers at Cedar Breaks to learn about the stars, and look through some amazing telescopes! This is our last star party of the year, hosted in a beautiful dark sky park, so be sure to join us.

SUNDAY SEPT. 29TH WASHINGTON COUNTY

STAR PARTY @ GUNLOCK

WHERE: Gunlock State Park

TIME: 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

DESCRIPTION: Enjoy the brilliant night sky in one of the darkest places in Washington County!

SUNDAY SEPT. 29TH PIPE SPRING, AZ

PAINTING IN THE PARK

WHERE: Pipe Spring National Monument

TIME: 1-3 pm (AZ time)

DESCRIPTION: Come and paint a Van Gogh-like starry night on gourds and small canvases.

