

# Public Observing Nights Schedule

In order to share the wonders of astronomy with each other and the general public, the *Seattle Astronomical Society* sponsors FREE Saturday evening public "Star Parties" (observing nights) at least once a month on the Northwest shore of Green Lake (near the Bathhouse Theater) in Seattle, and at Paramount Park in Shoreline at NE 155th and 8th NE, weather permitting, beginning at dusk. Everyone is welcome to attend, including children of any age. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

**Important Tip for enjoying a star party:** Dress warmly! Stargazing involves a lot of standing or sitting, and it's easy to get cold. In general, bring at least one more layer of clothing than you think is necessary.

## Star Party Dates at Greenlake & Paramount Park

- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6\*
- June 3
- July 1 & 29
- August (none)
- September 30
- October 28
- November 25
- December 23




Our Saturday night star parties are volunteer events. There may be an occasional clear evening when none of our members are on hand during the specified hours. These occurrences are rare, but we'd like to apologize in advance should this occur, and hope that you'll return for the next one.

# General Meeting Schedule

The *Seattle Astronomical Society* holds open monthly meetings for its membership and the general public, generally on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Room A-102 of the Astronomy/Physics Building on the University of Washington campus in Seattle. Drop by early to find out more about recent and future club activities! Use Gate #5 to find parking.

Public meetings include presentations on topics of interest to amateur astronomers by club members or guest speakers, and occasional special programs devoted to developments in astronomical theory, new technologies in the field of astronomy, and upcoming community events.

## Monthly Meeting Dates for 2006

January 21**	May 17	September 20
February 15	June 21	October 18
March 15	July 19***	November 15
April 19	August 16	December 20



\*Astronomy Day: May 6, Week of May 1-7, [www.astroleague.org/al/astroday/html](http://www.astroleague.org/al/astroday/html)  
 \*\*The awards banquet replaces the regular January meeting of the SAS  
 \*\*\*Table Mountain Star Party, July 20-22, [www.tmspa.com/](http://www.tmspa.com/)

## Other Astronomy Groups and Events

*Here's a sampling of some of the many other astronomy-related groups and events in the Seattle area (for more information, please contact each group directly):*

### **Table Mountain Star Party - Ellensburg, July 20-22, 2006**

One of the biggest annual astronomy events in Washington State. It's been happening since around 1980. Registration info at [www.tmspa.com](http://www.tmspa.com)

### **Theodor Jacobsen Observatory - Seattle**

Located at NE 45th St & 17th Ave NE (East of the Burke Museum). Free presentations followed by observing session using the observatory's 6" refractor on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call (206) 543-0126 or visit [www.astro.washington.edu/observatory](http://www.astro.washington.edu/observatory).

### **UW Planetarium - Seattle**

Located at Pacific St & 15th Ave NE at the Physics-Astronomy Auditorium Building on the University of Washington's campus. Offers free educational shows on Fridays by prior arrangement. For more info, contact Kristine Washburn at (206) 683-9095 or via email at [kristine@astro.washington.edu](mailto:kristine@astro.washington.edu).

### **Eastside Astronomical Society - Bellevue**

Comprised of the people who built the BCC Geer Planetarium. Hosts star parties and meets monthly. [www.eastsideastro.org](http://www.eastsideastro.org), (425) 746-3485 or [info@eastsideastro.org](mailto:info@eastsideastro.org).

### **Everett Astronomical Society**

Hosts star parties, monthly meetings, and a local radio show. For more info call (425) 486-9733, visit [http://members.tripod.com/everett\\_astronomy](http://members.tripod.com/everett_astronomy), or email [folkerts@seanet.com](mailto:folkerts@seanet.com).

### **Squak Mountain Telescope Gang - Issaquah**

Conducts numerous "squakings" during the year and participates in many astronomy activities in the area. Visit [www.squakmountain.org](http://www.squakmountain.org), or email [davidwh@nwlink.com](mailto:davidwh@nwlink.com) or [gil@gilelect.seanet.com](mailto:gil@gilelect.seanet.com)

### **Boeing Employees Astronomical Society - Seattle**

Holds meetings and observing nights throughout the year. Email [alan.s.macarthur@boeing.com](mailto:alan.s.macarthur@boeing.com), phone (425) 865-5463, or go to [www.boeingastro.org](http://www.boeingastro.org) for details.

### **Battle Point Astronomical Association - Bainbridge Island**

Operates the Edwin Ritchie Observatory and runs a range of educational and observational programs. They can be reached at (206) 842-9152 or on the web at [bicomnet.com/ritchicobs](http://bicomnet.com/ritchicobs).

### **Pacific Science Center Planetarium - Seattle Center**


Has regularly scheduled shows and student group programs available. Contact Dan Dennis at (206) 443-3648 or [dan\\_dennis@pacsci.org](mailto:dan_dennis@pacsci.org).

### **Geer Planetarium - Bellevue Community College**

Offers shows for K-12 students by appointment, for a fee. For more info contact the planetarium scheduler at (425) 564-2323 or see [SciDiv.bcc.ctc.edu/Astronomy/GeerPlanetarium.html](http://SciDiv.bcc.ctc.edu/Astronomy/GeerPlanetarium.html)

### **Tacoma Astronomical Society**

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the University of Puget Sound. Public viewing sessions are hosted each month at Pierce College near Fort Steilacoom. Visit TAS on the Web at [www.tas-online.org](http://www.tas-online.org) for more info.

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## 2006 Events and Meetings



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