

The Toledo Astronomical Association

The Association is a group of amateur astronomers from the Greater Toledo Area who gather for the purpose of observing the skies and studying astronomy.

The Association takes pride in promoting the study of astronomy in all its aspects, including:

- Learning the latest astronomical research from reputable guest speakers.
- Observing and sharing the great sights in the sky with others.
- Participating in community events educating children and adults alike in the wonders of the heavens.



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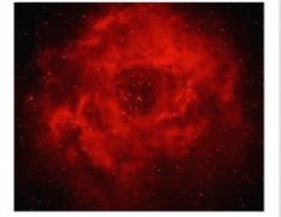


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Exploring the Sky and Beyond

Star Parties

A Star Party is an organized viewing session, sometimes lasting all night. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring their scopes to share views and equipment tips. No scope? No problem— there are always plenty to go around.

Formal star parties frequently feature guest lecturers in addition to the primary viewings.

Informal star parties occur when there is a clear night and typically take place at Sylvan Prairie Park and Beaver Creek Reserve. For approximate dates see schedule table below and be sure to check the regularly updated calendar online for exact dates.

Sylvan Prairie

Closest Saturday
to 1st Quarter
Moon

Beaver Creek

Closest Saturday
to a New Moon



Meetings

Association meetings are held on the first Friday of September, October, November, December, February, March, April, and May on the 4th floor of McMaster Hall at the University of Toledo at 7:30 pm. These meetings are open to the public and are free of charge.

Meetings consist of a lecture or presentation on an astronomical topic, frequently held by members of the Astronomy faculties of the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University. Additionally, any business necessary for the operation of the Association is conducted.

Membership includes a number of benefits, including access to the group's own telescopes. Annual dues consist of \$30.00 for adults/families and \$10.00 for students. Dues are used to pay for the maintenance and insurance of these scopes.

Educational Programs

The Association is happy to provide free viewing programs for groups of individuals as per the availability of personnel and equipment. Groups of all ages and interests are welcome!

Any program request requires substantial prior notice. Viewings can be held at any location of the group's choosing.

Past groups have enjoyed using the local Pioneer facility. Reservations at the Pioneer facility include the option for meals in the dining hall. A nominal fee may be charged by the facility for its use.