



Lake Afton Public Observatory

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RE: Telescope Fair at Lake Afton Public Observatory.

A Showcase of Telescopes

The Lake Afton Public Observatory and the Kansas Astronomical Observers will host a telescope fair on Saturday, November 22 from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. at the Observatory. Members of the Kansas Astronomical Observers will have many different types of telescopes available to view and they will be available to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each type. This will be an excellent opportunity for anyone considering buying a telescope (possibly as a holiday gift) to talk to the experts and to see a variety of types of telescopes in the same place at the same time.

The Observatory will also be presenting its regularly scheduled program that evening, *How Far is Far?* Planets and stars can't be THAT far away, right? During this program we will observe a gas giant planet in the outer reaches of our solar system, a Multiple star, a cluster of stars, a Nebula, and a "nearby" galaxy as we discuss just how far away they really are and how we determine the vast distances in our universe.

Opening Times and Admission

Through December 20, the Lake Afton Public Observatory is open to the public every Friday and Saturday evening from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. Admission to the Observatory is just \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and Free for children under 6. Program information is available by calling (316) 978-7827 or online at webs.wichita.edu/lapo.

Location

The Observatory is located about 20 miles southwest of downtown Wichita on MacArthur Road at 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park.

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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