



## Lake Afton Public Observatory

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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 on Friday, August 17 between 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm for their final "*Bring Your Own Telescope*" event of the summer. Members of the KAO, will be on hand to help you learn how to take full advantage of your telescope's capabilities so bring your telescope to the observing pad behind (North of) the Observatory building where KAO members will be waiting to assist you.

If you don't have a telescope but are considering buying one, you might also benefit from attending the *Bring Your Own Telescope* event to get more information about the different types of telescopes available, along with their advantages and disadvantages.

There is no charge for the *Bring Your Own Telescope* event, however if you would also like to take in the Observatory's regularly scheduled public program, *Messier Album*, and their many exhibits, regular admission charges will apply.

Admission to the Observatory is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 get in for free. There is also 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 the Observatory's information hotline at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or on their website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo> or you may want to "friend" the Lake Afton Public Observatory on Facebook.

The Observatory is located about on MacArthur Road at 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park. It is immediately north of the lake, just off McArthur Road.

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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