



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 for one or more "*Bring Your Own Telescope*" events this summer. The next Bring Your Own Telescope night will be Friday, July 20. At these events, members of the KAO, will be on hand to help you learn how to take full advantage of your telescope's capabilities. 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 one or more of our *Bring Your Own Telescope* programs to get more information about the different types of telescopes available, and their advantages and disadvantages.

There is no charge for the *Bring Your Own Telescope* program, however if you would also like to take in the Observatory's regularly scheduled public program, and their many exhibits, regular admission charges will apply. The KAO and Lake Afton Public Observatory host *Bring Your Own Telescope* evenings on the third Friday of each month from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm through August.

Admission to the Observatory is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 get in for free. We also have 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 our information line at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or on our website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo>. You may also want to become a friend of 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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