



Lake Afton Public Observatory

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RE: Native American Storytelling at the Lake Afton Public Observatory.

Native American Storytelling under the Stars

Join us at the Lake Afton Public Observatory for a very special evening of Native American storytelling to be held outside around the campfire (barring rain). The North American plains tribes had constellations, stars and legends unique to their culture just as the Greeks and Romans did. Hear some of the many wonderful sacred star stories Native American tribes told and learn how the night skies influenced tribal life. The Native American Storytelling program will take place on Saturday, September 15 in the field to the West of the Observatory building. Your host, Native American, Jan Brooks, of the Ojibwe tribe will begin her first story at 8:30 p.m.

To insure your comfort, you may wish to bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. A good bug repellent is also advised. There is no charge for the *Native American Storytelling* program, however if you would also like to take in the Observatory's regularly scheduled program, and see their many exhibits, regular admission charges will apply.

Opening Times and Admission

During September the Lake Afton Public Observatory is open to the public on Friday and Saturday evening from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Admission is just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are admitted free. There is also a special family rate where 2 parents and their immediate minor children or grandchildren get in for just \$15.00. Current program information is available on the Observatory hotline at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or from their website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo>. You can also "friend" the Lake Afton Public Observatory on facebook.

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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