



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 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. at the Observatory. Members of the Kansas Astronomical Observers, the local astronomy club, will be setting up different types of telescopes and be available to discuss their advantages and disadvantages. So, for anyone that is considering buying a telescope as a holiday gift, this is an excellent opportunity to talk to the experts and to see a variety of telescopes in the same place at the same time.

The Observatory will also be presenting its regularly scheduled program that evening, *Celebrity Craters*. The craters on the surface of the Moon are for the most part, named after famous scientists. Get a close-up look at some of the more notable lunar craters, and learn more about both the crater and the person whom it was named after. This program also includes observing a gas giant planet in our solar system.

#### **Opening Times and Admission**

Through December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 children under 6 get in for free. Program information is available by calling 316-978-7827 or online at [webs.wichita.edu/lapo](http://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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