

2010 Events

2009 Events



August 28 | Summer/Fall Constellations | 8:00 pm

The summer and fall months are a great time to get outside and watch the sky. This program focuses on what can be seen in terms of planets, individual stars, and constellations. Join us to learn how to navigate the night sky with the help of professional astronomers and our digital planetarium.

September 25 | Hubble Space Telescope | 7:30 pm

The Hubble Space Telescope is undoubtedly the most powerful telescope to date and has vastly expanded the understanding of our Universe. It has also been incredibly expensive and difficult to maintain. Recent missions to HST have breathed new life into the aging machine and will hopefully be providing many more years of information from the farthest reaches of our Universe.

October 23 | Jupiter | 7:00 pm

Jupiter glows bright in the southern sky after passing opposition not long before now, giving us an excellent opportunity to study it. Dr. David Kuehn, Pittsburg State University, will share his vast knowledge of Jupiter on this evening detailing what is already known about the king of the planets, while the stage is set to view the planet through our telescopes (weather permitting).

November 20 | Asteroids, Meteoroids & Comets | 7:00 pm

A hands-on presentation of some smaller objects in our solar system will be offered as a way to really bring to life these fascinating celestial rocks. Dr. David Kuehn will have sample meteorites for people to observe and enhance the evening's discussion.

December 11 | Geminid Meteor Shower | 7:00 pm

The Geminid meteor shower is one of the year's best displays of meteors in the night sky. This particular Friday evening will be the beginning of this event, which will peak over the weekend. Come learn how to find the optimal conditions to spot meteors and what can be learned about these fascinating events.

January 22 | Cosmology | 7:00 pm

Dr. Alexander Konopelko from Pittsburg State University will be a guest speaker to share his expertise in the area of cosmology on this January evening. Come dive into the great expanse of studying the nature of the Universe as a whole and what astronomers have discovered about studying the biggest of targets.

February 19 | Mars | 7:00 pm

After passing opposition in late January, Mars will be poised perfectly in the night sky for this winter night. Come learn about the latest research about Mars and what makes it so captivating for astronomer and astronaut alike.

March 19 | Galaxies | 7:30 pm

A very dim moon gives way to a dark sky in March presenting an excellent time to come learn about distant galaxies. These faint objects are really enormous cycling systems of stars and dust that are at extreme distances from Earth. Learn about what a galaxy is, but also, how you can search for these challenging targets in the night sky.

April 23 | Spring Constellations | 8:00 pm

The spring months are often equated with being outside and enjoying the warming weather. Come brush up on the constellations you can see in the night sky during this time of year using our digital planetarium then head outside to observe them for real with the aid of professional astronomers.

May 6 | Space Conference Program | 8:00 pm

This evening will be a special treat, as it will be held during the annual Greenbush Space and Aviation Conference. Specific details will become available as this date approaches and might incorporate some very special guest speakers!

May 21 | Saturn | 8:00 pm

May is a great month to observe Saturn in 2010. The Ringed Planet will be in its sixth year of close study by the Cassini mission that continues to produce a wealth of information, as well as breath-taking images. Learn what the latest science has to offer about one of the most intriguing stops in the Solar System.

June 18 | Venus | 8:30 pm

After the Sun and Moon, Venus is the brightest object in our sky. June will provide a wonderful time to see Venus glowing brightly after sunset. Learn about what makes this planet such a unique and completely uninhabitable rock in our solar system.