



P.O. Box 262
South Bend, IN 46624

MAS presents:
The Second Annual Michiana Star Party

At Potawatomi Wildlife Park in Tippecanoe, Indiana
May 29-31, 2009



Friday Evening

Observing, Green Laser Constellation learning sessions by MAS members.
If cloudy, choose a slot to make a 15 minute short talk in the tent. List will be posted.

Saturday

Vendors and swaps all day. Solar observing. Invited speakers' talks commence at 1 p.m. Group photo at 4 p.m.
Hiking, biking, free time between.

Sunday

Depart at 11 a.m.

★ Eating and sleeping: ★

You may bring items to be grilled at a community campfire, and a few microwave ovens will be available to warm your food. Look for updates on the MAS webpage (http://home.comcast.net/~michiana_astro) (underline between Michiana and astro) as well as park information at www.getintonature.com. Our program will include a map of the locality with eateries and places of interest. If camping is not for you, motels/hotels are nearby in Plymouth, Bremen, Rochester and Warsaw. A list may be obtained from the above websites.

★ Activities: ★

This weekend of observing is offered at Indiana's first Dark-Sky Preserve! Other daytime activities at the park are wildlife observations and walking the grounds of its historic Potawatomi Indian Village. Canoes are available to rent onsite to tour the Tippecanoe River. The facilities have restrooms and a picnic area. A tent will be placed on the grounds to house our guest speakers, vendors and room to eat, talk and enjoy bring-your-own presentations. If it is chilly, a space heater will be provided in the tent.

Attendees can arrive as early as 3 p.m. on Friday to set up their tent or camper and equipment. We ask that you arrive an hour before dusk, as cars will not be allowed to drive on the field after dark to protect others. Latecomers will have to park in a designated parking area. If you must leave before dawn, you will park in the same area. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by adult. The star party ends promptly at 11 a.m. Sunday.

★ Odds and Ends: ★

Vendors and swap tables are welcome. Dogs are allowed on-leash and must be cleaned up after. Bring a musical (acoustic) instrument for musical fun! Red flashlights are a must. Drunken behavior will result in arrest and/or eviction. Dress warmly as frost is possible in early May. Please bring your own battery power for clock driven mounts. Please smoke away from the telescope areas and downwind in general. You are responsible for the security of your property.

★ ★ **Michiana Star Party 2009 PreRegistration Form** ★

Use this mailable form – make as many copies of this as needed to share.

Admission price at the gate: \$25.00 per adult.
Student 18 and under \$10.00

PreRegistration closes May 22, 2009.

Make check payable to Michiana Astronomical Society.

All entries and checks (or money orders) must be payable and postmarked by this date.

Mail to:
Ruth Craft, 2142 Inglewood Place , South Bend , IN 46616

Name: _____

Others in your party, and ages if under 18:

Address: _____

License Plate # _____

Member of Astro group? Name: _____

Fees:

Preregistration: Adult: \$20	Qty: _____	Total \$ _____
MAS current member: \$15	Qty: _____	Total \$ _____
Under 18 FREE	Qty: _____	FREE _____

INCLUDES ONE CAMPSITE AND ONE CAR.

Official T-shirt (design and color OUR choice!) \$18 Adult sizes only:

Small: Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

Med. Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

Lg. Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

XL Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

XXL and XXXL are \$5 additional (\$23)

XXL Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

XXXL Qty: _____ Total \$ _____

Optional MAS membership for one year:

Individual \$15 Total \$ _____

Family \$20 Total \$ _____

Total all items: _____ \$ _____

Your check is your receipt. No confirmation will be mailed. All names and information will be on list at gate. Sorry, no refunds.



Flyer put together by Katrina Smith