RASCals STAR PARTY

Come join us! Learn Astronomy and Explore the Night Sky

July 25 to 27, 2014

At the Metchosin Municipal Grounds
behind the Metchosin Fire Hall
4440 Happy Valley Road

Gates will open at 12pm noon on Friday. Camp on the field and setup your telescope.

Cost: Free of charge! RASC members and visiting observers (who stay overnight): suggested donation of **$20/Adult one day, two or three.** Everyone who is present is entitled to tickets for door prizes, lectures and access to the observing field.

See http://victoria.rasc.ca/events/rascals-star-party/ for more details.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Friday 25th

- **12:00pm – Gates open**
- **8:00pm – Welcome and Door prizes**
- **8:30pm – Presentation: *Open University Astronomy,* John McDonald**
- **9:30pm – Guided Telescope Walk, followed by viewing of the night sky**

Saturday 26th

- **Solar viewing – all day**
- **1:00pm – Workshop: *27,000 Km per hour, photographing ISS Passes,* Charles Banville**
- **2:00pm - Workshop: *Observing Not for the Faint of Heart: The RASC Challenge Objects,* Nelson Walker**
- **3:00pm – Workshop: Astronomy 101, Sherry Buttnor**
- 4:00pm – 6:00pm – activities for the kids
- **8:00pm – Door prizes**
- **8:30pm – Speaker: *Space Flight through the Ages,* Chris Gainor**
- **9:30pm – Guided Telescope Walk, followed by viewing of the night sky**

Sunday 27th

- 9:30 am **Cleanup** *(Please pitch-in & help)*
- **12 noon – early departures please!**

Facilities:

- Large camping area on the Field
- Lots of parking - both on-field and parking lot
- **Food** – Restaurants nearby.

- **And last but not least, a good 360° view of the night sky, see the Moon, Planets, Galaxies and more.**

Directions:

From Duncan: Drive South on Highway 1 to Millstream Rd (Route 14 – Sooke Exit), drive South to Sooke Rd., turn right, and follow to Happy Valley Rd., turn left, and follow all the way to the Fire Hall.

From Victoria: Drive West on Highway 1 to Millstream Rd (Route 14 – Sooke Exit), drive South to Sooke Rd., turn right, and follow to Happy Valley Rd., turn left, and follow all the way to the Fire Hall.

All are welcome. Don't have a scope? No problem, RASC members will be happy to give you a tour of heavens above!

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