

Department of Astronomy, University of Maryland

Observatory Open House Schedule

Summer 2014

Our *Open House* program will continue this summer just as it has for the last 40+ years. Come see local astronomers give a short 30-minute presentation about their research or other new developments in astronomy! The talk is then followed by observing through the telescopes, **weather permitting**.

Observatory Open Houses are free. Families/individuals do not need reservations. However we ask that if you have a group larger than 10 people, **please** call 301-405-6555 to make special arrangements at least two weeks in advance. *Group tours are by appointment!*

Questions?

For more information, check out the Observatory webpages at www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse or call 301-405-6555.

Date & Time	Speaker	Talk Title
5 May 9:00 pm	Dr. Michael Boylan-Kolchin	Exploring Our Cosmic Backyard
20 May 9:00 pm	Dr. Leah Cheek	Making and Measuring Moon Rocks
5 June 5-9:00 pm	Dr. Wade Henning	Extreme Exoplanets
20 June 9:00 pm	Tim Goudge	Searching for Ancient Rivers and Paleolakes on Mars
5 July 9:00 pm	Elizabeth Warner	Constellation Tour (if clear) or Upcoming Celestial Events (if cloudy)
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5 August 9:00 pm	Dr. Sebastien Heinis	A Journey Among Galaxies: From Nearby to Far Away
20 August 9:00 pm	Dr. Tracy Huard	Astronomy from 40,000 Feet: Observing with NASA's SOFIA
SNEAK PEEK at the Fall Schedule!		
5 September 9:00 pm	Dr. Cole Miller	Death by Black Hole
20 September 9:00 pm	Dr. Tony Farnham	comet Siding Spring's close approach to Mars

Other special events for the summer and next fall:

Learn the Sky Nights

6 nights mid-July thru Aug

Details for special events will be posted on our website!

Information: Call 301-405-6555 for more information,
or check out the Observatory web site at

www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse

<https://www.facebook.com/UMObservatory> and on Twitter as @UM_Obs

Dear UMD Observatory Friend,

Thank you for visiting tonight! We hope you enjoyed the lecture program as well as the tour of the observatory and hopefully the observing if the weather cooperated.

You can keep up with UMD Observatory activities by signing up for the electronic "newsletter." I try to limit how often I send messages out to an average of 2/month but this includes notices of special observing opportunities, special observatory programs and classes, and anything else really cool in astronomy. If you are on Facebook, you can also become a fan, just search for UMD Observatory.

Many of our visitors have asked how they can help the UMD Observatory since we don't charge a fee for Open Houses. Well, we have two funds in the UMCP Foundation to which you can contribute:

- [Justin DeSha-Overcash Summer Research Award](#) (#21962)
The Justin DeSha-Overcash Summer Research Award assists an undergraduate student pursuing research opportunities in Astronomy, Physics, or Geology and also demonstrates a service component to the community. This award honors the memory of Justin, one of our undergraduate student staff, by providing an out of state student who is financially needy a stipend to conduct summer research here at Maryland.
- Astronomy Observatory Gift Fund (#21684)
This fund is used to repair, upgrade, and purchase new hardware as needed by the UMD Observatory. In 2011, we upgraded the mount for the 7" refractor, bought new cameras for the 14" and 7" telescopes. In 2012, we got new filters for the cameras, and in 2013, we got a new video camera for observing occultations.

We want to make sure you get recognized for helping us. Please consider making an "official" donation via the UMCP Foundation. A form is printed below, just fill it out, cut or tear it off and send it in with a check.

Clear Skies!

Elizabeth Warner
UMD Observatory Coordinator

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Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Please mail check(s) and form(s) to:

University of Maryland College Park Foundation
Elizabeth Warner
Department of Astronomy
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Dear UMCPF:

Please accept this gift in the amount of \$ _____. The amount is designated to support
_____ Justin DeSha-Overcash Summer Research Award (#21962)
_____ Astronomy Observatory Gift Fund (#21684)

Sincerely,
