

Other Programs at Perkins

Perkins sponsors many more programs and activities than the weekend activities detailed in this brochure.

Special programs, slide shows, and tours for school classes, clubs, and other organizations may be arranged by calling (740) 363-1257.

Daytime Field Trips

Daytime programs at Perkins may consist of a slide show, a computerized planetarium demonstration, a tour of the Observatory, and/ or observations of the sun using solar-safe telescopes.

The Observatory may be reserved for such a program for a nonrefundable fee of \$150 per presentation, payable in advance. In addition, a fee of \$1.00 will be charged at the door for each person who attends.

Nighttime Programs

You may schedule a special nighttime program during the week and on some Saturdays for your organization (up to 80 people). Programs consist of a talk about stargazing, a tour of the Observatory, and observing with the Perkins telescope, weather permitting. A nonrefundable fee of \$275 must be paid in advance for each program.

You can also reserve one of our regular weekend programs for your group for the same price but only if no other members of the public have already signed up for that night. Thus, we recommend calling well in advance to attempt to exercise this option.

Programs Away from Perkins

Tom Burns, Director of Perkins Observatory and author of the Stargazing column in the Tuesday *Columbus Dispatch*, is available for day or nighttime astronomy talks at locations other than Perkins Observatory. Tom will bring along a large, portable telescope if the weather permits a bit of stargazing. The fee of \$250 will be used to support our public activities at Perkins.

New Vistas in Astronomy

This astronomy mini-course allows you to learn about the latest discoveries by astronomers and to observe a variety of celestial objects with the Observatory's Schottland reflecting telescope. The presenters are professors from Ohio State's and Ohio Wesleyan's astronomy departments. The series meets one Thursday each month. Call (740) 363-1257 for information.

Perkins Observatory



2009

Weekend Public Programs

Ohio Wesleyan University

The Columbus Astronomical Society

January 2009 through December 2009

Celebration of the Sun!

During early summer, when the sun sets too late to schedule evening programs, Perkins will instead host late-afternoon activities to celebrate, talk about, and observe with special telescopes (weather permitting) our incredible "day star," the sun! Those programs all begin promptly at 4 P.M. and in 2009 will be held on the following Saturday afternoons:

July 11, 18, 25

Please use the order form on the reverse to request tickets.

Directions to Perkins

The Observatory is located on U. S. Route 23, four miles south of Delaware and ten miles north of the I-270 Columbus outerbelt. Our driveway is on the left if you are driving south on Rt. 23 and on the right if you are driving north.

For more detailed directions, please check out our web site (address below) or call us at (740) 363-1257.

Perkins Web Page

The Perkins World Wide Web page contains plenty of information about astronomy, amateur stargazing, and telescope buying. You'll also find up-to-date information about our public programs, ticket availability, etc. Check us out at

<http://www.perkins-observatory.org>

Friends of Perkins Observatory

Please join the Friends of Perkins Observatory. Membership entitles you to attend any of our weekend programs for free. You will also receive our monthly newsletter, which will announce special programs for members only. To receive a membership form, call (740) 363-1257

Gift Shop and Exhibits

The Perkins gift shop is stocked with a wide variety of astro-goodies, from T-shirts to meteorites. Our ever-increasing collection of educational displays includes a not-to-be-missed 3-D model of the Local Group of galaxies.

Regularly Scheduled Evening Programs

Perkins Observatory hosts stargazing nights on most Friday nights, except for some holiday weekends. The second Saturday of the month is traditionally reserved for the meeting of the Columbus Astronomical Society. On other Saturday's, we will offer occasional special stargazing programs for the members of the Friends of Perkins Observatory and the CAS, but only on clear nights. Call to find out if a program is being held on any given Saturday.

Also, no Friday nighttime programs will occur in July to accommodate our special daytime series, "Celebration of the Sun." (See the reverse for details.)

Program content varies depending on sky conditions. A program may include a planetarium show (on a flat screen), tours of the Observatory, and/or observing with the 32-inch Schottland Telescope and other telescopes, weather permitting.

Parents with children, school groups, and youth organizations are especially encouraged to request reservations.

A limit of 90 people will be scheduled for each program. **Please arrive on time. For the safety of all participants, latecomers will be denied entry.**

The programs will be held on the following dates:

Starting at 8 P.M.:

January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Starting at 9 P.M.:

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26

July: No Evening Programs. See "Celebration of the Sun" on the reverse.

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Starting at 8 P.M.:

September 4, 11, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 18

TICKET RESERVATIONS

Admission to all programs is BY TICKET ONLY. Tickets may be requested by filling out the form to the right and enclosing a check or money order covering the ticket fees, which are as follows:

Adults (18 -61) \$6.00/person

Children (3- 17) \$4.00/person

Seniors (62 and over) \$4.00/person

Please send your request to

Perkins Observatory Tickets

P. O. Box 449

Delaware, OH 43015

Tickets may also be ordered by telephone with a major credit card. **For more information, please call us at**

(740) 363-1257

PLEASE NOTE: We hold the programs rain or shine, so refunds on ticket fees are not possible. Tickets are good only for the date specified.

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the program for \$2.00 more per ticket than the prices listed above.

Tickets at the Door

Our programs are often full, and at-the-door tickets are often not available. **Before you make the long drive to Perkins, CALL FIRST at (740) 363-1257 an hour or two before the program to find out about at-the-door ticket availability.**

Observatory Temperatures

The Observatory is maintained at standard room temperature, but the telescope dome cannot be heated. Please wear sufficient outer clothing to insure comfort while observing.

TICKET ORDER FORM

Please print your name, address, city, state, and zip code in the box below. The box will become your mailing label, so print carefully.

Mail to Perkins Observatory, P. O. Box 449, Delaware, OH 43015.
Make checks payable to Perkins Observatory.

Single-Night Tickets

PROGRAM DATE _____

Adults _____ tickets @ \$6.00 each = \$_____

Children _____ tickets @ \$4.00 each = \$_____

Seniors _____ tickets @ \$4.00 each = \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

Phone: _____

Ohio Wesleyan University
61 South Sandusky Street
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