

Sky Tours 2017 Schedule

Weather permitting, volunteers from the Stockton Astronomical Society will set up their telescopes for the public at S.J. Delta College in the Athletics 1 parking lot on one Friday every month.

Telescope viewing generally begins at 7:00 PM but note the monthly changes on the schedule. The Moon will likely be visible in the telescopes from the beginning. Dark and clear sky makes for better viewing and as the sky darkens more objects will become visible.

Every month we will attempt to feature a different deep sky object. Deep sky objects are very far away and look dim and fuzzy. We will point one of our larger aperture telescopes at a deep sky object during the last hour of viewing. In order to view these objects, it is often necessary to stand on a step stool or ladder that will be next to the telescope.

There is no charge for telescope viewing provided by the Stockton Astronomical Society or by Delta College. If you own your own telescope or binoculars, you are welcome to bring it with you.

We will update this schedule with new information as it becomes necessary.

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2017 Schedule

Friday, January 6

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Pleiades

Deep Sky Object: Andromeda Galaxy

Friday, February 3

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Orion Nebula, Pleiades

Deep Sky Object: Perseus Double Cluster

Friday, March 3

7:30 pm

Objects: Moon, Venus, Mars, Orion Nebula, Pleiades

Deep Sky Object: M37 (Open Star Cluster)

Friday, March 31

8:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Mars, Jupiter (later in the evening), Orion Nebula, Pleiades

9:30 pm - Deep Sky Object: M81 & M82 (Bode's Galaxies)

Friday, May 5

8:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Jupiter

9:30 pm - Deep Sky Object: M104 (Sombrero Galaxy)

Friday, June 2

8:30 pm

Objects: Moon, Jupiter, Saturn (late in the evening), M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

10:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M51 (Whirlpool Galaxy)

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Friday, June 30

8:30 pm

Objects: Moon, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

10:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M3 (Globular Cluster)

Friday, July 28

8:30 pm

Objects: Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

10:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M5 (Globular Cluster)

Friday, August 25

8:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

9:30 pm - Deep Sky Object: M8 & M20 (Lagoon and Trifid Nebulas)

Friday, September 29

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Saturn, M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

9:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M57 (Ring Nebula)

Friday, October 27

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Saturn, M13 (Hercules Star Cluster)

8:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M27 (Dumbbell Nebula)

Friday, November 24

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Uranus

8:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M31 (Andromeda Galaxy)

Friday, December 23

7:00 pm

Objects: Moon, Uranus

8:00 pm - Deep Sky Object: M33 (Triangulum Galaxy)