

Welcome



Ghost Ranch Astronomy Experience

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Greetings Stargazer!

Welcome to the “Ghost Ranch Astronomy Experience.” We look forward to meeting you at the Ranch in August.

In this class, our chief aim is experiencing and capturing some of the wonder of this incredible Universe from the perspective of Ghost Ranch! We intend for this experience to be awe inspiring and memorable, and interactive.

Briefly, our weekend together will look something like this:

Mornings will be devoted to Class Time and Discussions.

Afternoons will be free time.

Evenings will be split between Class Time indoors and Observing Time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes.

More Specifically:

Friday, Aug 9: Evening: Orientation and Introduction; observing time (end time open-ended)

Saturday, Aug 10: Basic observational astronomy, telescope types, history of astrophotography, smart-phone & digital camera astrophotography; observing time (end time open-ended)

Sunday, Aug 11: Display & discussion of photos, topics in digital astrophotography and image processing, survey of imaging software, user equipment & commercially available remote observatories, additional resources; observing time (end time open-ended)

Monday, Aug 12: Breakfast & departures

What To Bring?

1. Warm Clothes! (Thermals, wool socks, warm hat, jacket, gloves, etc.) Nights out under the stars should be clear, crisp and chilly. While we may not be out all night, temperatures drop significantly after sunset. Plan to keep warm! Please keep in mind that ideal weather conditions are never guaranteed but “hands on” instruction will be given regardless of any adverse weather.
2. Binoculars, if you have them.
3. Any media you might use for taking notes, if desired.
4. Any goals you have related to beginning Astronomy or Astrophotography

Thank you for registering! We look forward to meeting you under the absolutely gorgeous skies of Ghost Ranch in August. Please contact us if you have questions about this class.

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