

Welcome



Ghost Ranch Astrophotography Experience

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with Wayne Hicks, Wayne Brasure and Phillip Mahon

April 27-May 4, 2025

Greetings Stargazer!

Welcome to the “Ghost Ranch Astrophotography Experience.” We look forward to meeting you at the Ranch in April. 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 week together will look something like this:

Mornings will be free time. Afternoons will be devoted to Class Time and Discussions. Evenings will be split between class time indoors followed by time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes and smartphones.

More Specifically:

Sunday, Apr 27: Evening: Orientation and Introduction; observing time (end time open-ended)

Monday, Apr 28 through Friday, May 2: Basic observational astronomy, telescope types, history of astrophotography, smartphone and digital camera astrophotography, display and discussion of class photos, topics in digital astrophotography and image processing, survey of imaging software, user equipment & commercially available remote observatories and a discussion and presentation of additional resources.

Saturday, May 3: Special lecture with Annie Leibovitz

What To Bring?

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. Binoculars, if you have them. Any media you might use for taking notes, if desired.

Any goals you have related to beginning Astronomy or Astrophotography. It would be good to also bring a waterbottle, notebook, and flashlight with red light option and your cell phone.

Thank you for registering! We look forward to meeting you under the gorgeous skies of Ghost Ranch in April. Please contact us if you have questions about this class. Wayne Hicks & Wayne Brasure email: astrowaybricks@gmail.com

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Monday, Apr 28

Morning: Free Time

Afternoon: 2pm-5pm: Class activities & instruction*

Evening: 7pm-? split between class time indoors followed by time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes and smartphones.

Tuesday, Apr 29

Morning: Free Time

Afternoon: 2pm-5pm: Class activities & instruction*

Evening: 7pm-? split between class time indoors followed by time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes and smartphones.

Wednesday, Apr 30

Morning: Free Time

Afternoon: 2pm-5pm: Class activities & instruction*

Evening: 7pm-? split between class time indoors followed by time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes and smartphones.

Thursday, May 01

Morning: Free Time

Afternoon: 2pm-5pm: Class activities & instruction*

Evening: 7pm-? split between class time indoors followed by time outside with our eyes, cameras, binoculars and telescopes and smartphones.

Friday, May 02

Morning: Free Time

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NOTE: Morning and afternoon activities can be swapped if preferred by the participants