

21st ANNUAL MASON - DIXON STAR PARTY

Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11, 2010 and Friday October 8 to Sunday October 10, 2010
Shreveport Airport, York County, PA.

The **York County Astronomical Society (YCAS)** will host the **20th Annual Mason-Dixon Star Party (MDSP) Friday July 9 – Sunday July 11, 2010 AND Friday October 16 – Sunday October 18, 2009** at **Shreveport Airport/Florida Keys Restaurant**, Wellsville, York County, Pennsylvania. This star party will be held in one of the more remote areas in York County, situated at a private airport. All events (except evening viewing) will take place rain or shine!

The Summer Star Party in July will be the traditional MDSP Star Party. We will be offering a full schedule of speakers, a raffle, and vendors.

The Fall Star Party in October will be a NO-FRILLS Star Party. No Speakers, Raffle or Vendors (other than a food vendor)

MDSP website: <http://www.masondixonstarparty.org>

Email: info@masondixonstarparty.org

YCAS website: www.ycas.org

Club Cell phone for voicemail-schedule changes-updates-emergencies: 717-578-9109

Florida Keys Restaurant/Shreveport Airport website: <http://www.footlightranch.com/>

Please share this flyer with your friends, and your local club's newsletter editor! Your support allows our organization to promote astronomy and lighting efficiency in York County!

YOU MAY REGISTER ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE USING PAYPAL OR REGISTER BY MAIL USING THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM. A LIMITED NUMBER OF MDSP T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE STAR PART.

STAR PARTY RATES AND REGISTRATION OPTIONS ARE LISTED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM. NOTE: A \$5 PRE-REGISTRATION DISCOUNT IS BEING OFFERED. REGISTRATIONS AT THE GATE DURING THE STAR PARTY WILL BE \$5 PER PERSON HIGHER FOR ALL ADULT REGISTRATIONS.

YOU MAY ARRIVE BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AT NOON. THERE WILL BE NO FOOD VENDOR UNTIL FRIDAY NOON AND REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AROUND NOON ON FRIDAY.

PARKING AND CAMPING

Camping is encouraged! You may set up your telescope, and park, at your campsite. The cost of camping is separate from the registration fee. We are charging cost for the campgrounds, which are along the taxiway of the 2500-foot runway, and will accommodate any number or size campers. There are neither water nor electrical hookups, however showers, bathrooms, and water are available. Hotels are also available nearby. **THE HUT WILL NO LONGER BE OPEN FOR CAMPING. IT WILL BE OPEN FOR USE OF THE SHOWERS AND RESTROOM,**

Tent/RV Camping fees are \$5/person/night. Camping fees include the following: the use of public showers and restroom facilities at the Little Hut, volley ball and horseshoes (equipment provided by owner), and trash removal. We will provide trash bags to all attendees, as well as 55-gallon bags for the trash drums (he has 4 drums). The owner will collect the trash, however, we will ask all participants to take trash to either the dumpster or a central location. We will be collecting the camping fees for the site owner upon your arrival. YCAS does not keep the camping fees. We collect them on behalf of the event site owner.

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PETS ARE allowed, but must be kept on a leash, and cleaned up after. They are NOT ALLOWED in the pool area, in the Little Hut, nor the Restaurant.

PERSONS PLANNING TO USE THEIR VEHICLES AFTER DARK SHOULD PARK IN THE **DAYTIME VISITORS PARKING AREA** NEAR THE POOL TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH OBSERVING!

Campsites should be vacated by noon **Sunday**

NOTE: green laser owners. Due to PUBLIC SAFETY concerns, we do not allow the use of green laser pointers. Please respect our decision. Any reported violators may be asked to leave.

- **REGISTRATION** Your non-refundable registration fee provides admission to the site. Camping fees are additional.

All arrivals must **check in at the Registration Desk** to receive your registration cards, raffle tickets, and any clothing that was ordered. **The Registration Desk will open at 12:00 noon on FRIDAY**

If you like, you may arrive beginning Wednesday. You will be responsible for paying camping for any additional days you camp..

SWAP TABLES and VENDORS: We will have a swap area available to trade or sell your astronomy-related items. You must watch over your own items. While there have not been problems in the past, the York County Astronomical Society will not be responsible for any items. The Swap Table area will be open only during specified times to be announced.