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☾★ ITS STAR PARTY TIME !!! ☾★

STAR PARTY PREPPING

All members who are able and would like to assist with the facilities prepping for the Star Party, we would appreciate your being at the observatory this Saturday September 28 at 10:00 AM. Ross is bringing his mower and leaf blower and the rest of us can focus on things like weed-eating, pruning (bring hedge trimmer or loppers), clubhouse & observatory cleaning & organization. We may need some help setting up the light barriers. Also inventory of supplies will need to be taken. All members will need to look around the facilities and spot & report any needs. Your suggestions are also welcome.

If you cannot be there for the prepping, we hope to see you next week.

-DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME BADGE FOR THE STAR PARTY-

LAST MEETING

The last meeting was held on September 7 and we discussed the following business about the Star Party :

* Anyone who has ordered shirts or meals needs to pay for them at the Star Party. * We will have a program guide this year that will be available for

downloading and printing from our website. All pre-registrants will be notified about it via email or if they don't have email they will have one mailed to them. Extras will be available for gate-registrants as well. * The formal speakers have all the resources they need to present their talks. * Ross has acquired most the door prizes and he will look at several more smaller ones. * We will hold the photo contest again this year, but in order to award prizes in any category, there will need to be at least two different people with photos entered in that category. * We will also award the attendee who travels the longest distance. * We welcome member Lacy Thomas back into our area and he was given the go-ahead to talk to WKMS radio station about possibly doing a news feature about the S.P. which might consist of someone walking the field on Friday and taping conversations with individuals. * After the first of the year we want to talk about different possibilities for future outreach programs for younger people as well as the general public. * James Parker has made up a reflective "headlight warning" sign for the S.P. and it will be placed along the entry of gravel drive. This should help a great deal to keep down unwelcome lights in the observing areas.

NON-BUSINESS NOTES

* Congratulations to John Gibson and Dave Byrd on their new scopes. (Meade 8" SCT & Orion XT10 respectively) * David Paessler presented himself with a double star certificate and because of his accomplishment earned himself the coveted gold binocular award that Jeff Burton previously held for so long. Way to go Dave! Our certificate wall is growing as we speak.

Happy Skies, John Holland