

## April 9, 2016: Summary of the Star Party at Red Rock State Park

A sold out crowd of 75 attended the cloudy Red Rock State Park star party. The attendees arrived early eager to hear the presentation and view the stars through telescopes.

J.D. Maddy, President of Astronomers of Verde Valley, gave an interesting introductory presentation. During the presentation, Karen Maddy selected tables of people to look through her telescope and another astronomer's telescope to show them some sights as sucker holes appeared. Karen wanted to be sure they saw Jupiter before the clouds thicken.

After J.D.'s presentation, all attendees went out to the field to see sights through the telescopes, but the clouds did persist.

Constellations could be seen, which kept the astronomers busy giving constellation tours and looks in between the clouds, although it was somewhat cloudy all evening. Regardless of the clouds, the attendees still enjoyed being out under the stars (and clouds) with the astronomers.