

A Night Under the Stars

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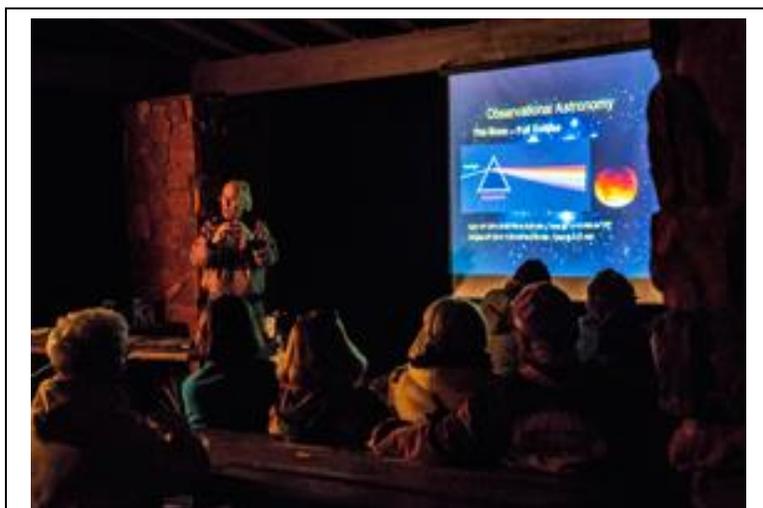


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Sedona AZ (November 15, 2013) – Come experience the wonders of Sedona’s night sky. Keep Sedona Beautiful (KSB) and The Astronomers of Verde Valley (AVV) will host a “Night Under the Stars” on Nov 22, 7-10 pm at the Recreation Center, Posse Grounds Park, Sedona.

The public is invited to enjoy the display of stars through telescopes provided by AVV. The evening will start off with a brief discussion of the importance of protecting dark skies by preventing light pollution. To this end, Sedona and the surrounding areas have lighting ordinances that will help keep their skies dark for everyone in the future.

In a slide presentation of photos taken mostly by local astro-photographers, J.D. Maddy, president of the AVV, will talk about some basics of astronomy, exciting past and current events in our area’s night sky, and what you will be seeing through the various powerful telescopes set up for viewing. Comet ISON, its brightest appearance eagerly anticipated in late November



J.D. Maddy, President of The Verde Valley Astronomers, explaining lunar eclipse.

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and early December, will be a hot topic. The telescopes will show off star clusters, globular clusters, nebulae, planets, colorful double stars; even Neptune and Uranus will be visible and a few galaxies can be seen in Sedona's dark sky. Throughout the year, AVV hosts people from all over the USA and the World to show them the starry sky of Sedona and the surrounding areas. KSB is pursuing a Dark-Sky Community designation for Sedona by the International Dark-Sky Association.

A Night Under the Stars - Nov. 22, 7 - 10 pm, Recreation Center Posse Grounds Park, 525 Posse Ground Rd, Sedona. The event is free. Wear warm clothes. Hot drinks and snacks will be available. Flashlights must be covered by red cellophane. For further information on the event email ksbsedonadarkskies@icloud.com and for information on KSB please call 928.282.4938, or visit <http://www.keepsedonabeautiful.org/> .