

Global Star Party (APRIL 13, 2019)

SPACE India and Astronomers Without Borders wants to share your Global Star Party with the global community and take viewers on a live tour of GSP events. It's the biggest show on Earth - And Beyond!

GAM's ultimate observing event is the Global Star Party. If you have a scope, it's B.Y.O.T. - Bring Your Own Telescope (or binoculars).

Don't have a scope, don't worry, just look up. All are invited, all will be excited!

The Global Star Party is the time to come out under the stars, bridge gaps across the seas, and join your brother and sister sky watchers in proving that the world is “**One People, One Sky**” Boundaries vanish when the world looks skyward.

Helpful Hints for astronomy clubs, groups, and individuals who are joining the Global Star Party:

Start Early and Follow Up

Plan your local participation in the Global Star Party as soon as possible and before April!

Get events scheduled and supported by your community's science centers, planetariums, and science museums. Some astronomy clubs hold events in multiple locations within a city. Spearhead new ways of outreach to underserved areas such as convalescent hospitals, military bases, busy sections of town, and libraries. Be ready to accommodate people with disabilities to your scopes. Be on top of your game with lectures, presentations, exhibits, telescope demonstrations, handouts, and star charts—and be ready to dazzle them with fun facts about the objects you have captured in your eyepiece.

Although we recommend planning the party, we know that many of you love setting up scopes at the last minute for Sidewalk Astronomy. Go for it!

Begin with the Sun

You can build momentum by scheduling events during the day. Spark interest in our number one star, the Sun. Then, party into the evening and enjoy the night sky. Contact your local observatory—they may be happy to work with you to have a big, all-day astronomy event on their grounds.

Publicize Your Events

The public won't know about your Global Star Party unless you get the word out. Local weekly newspapers are very receptive to running news items about events like this, and if you can give them a well-written story that has a catchy news angle in it, you may get a feature article. Also, if your city or town has a public radio station, they will likely be happy to announce your event—perhaps including an interview with you. You could also advertise online through social media, or post a notice on a public notice board. Also check with any (other) local amateur astronomy clubs as they would most likely love to be involved (or may be organizing an event themselves).

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Use Your Creativity

Other than the set date—Saturday, April 13th, local time—there is no formal agenda. Amateur astronomers have proven to be incredibly creative when organizing events, so we encourage you to show us what you can do! We do, however, encourage everyone to expand the time beyond the regular evening events—starting early with solar activities and continuing until late evening.

Everyone should choose the activities that fit their community and personal preference. We are encouraging everyone to think in new directions and try new methods of outreach, but want everyone to be comfortable in their choice of events. Be sure to register your event with AWB online and to come back afterwards and fill out your event reports and post your photos. We all want to see what our friends around the world are doing!

Take Lots of Photos

Share your contribution and experience with us and the world on various social media platforms using various hashtags.

Facebook - #GAM2019, #SPACEIndia, @SPACEIndiaEdu, @ (@awb_org)

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More Ideas

- Visit a military base, retirement communities, or children’s hospital and give those able a chance to see the Universe up close.
- Have a club member dress up as a famous astronomer from history.
- Find ways to attract attention - your own version of 100 Hours of Astronomy.
- Use our resources page to get the materials to accommodate people with disabilities.
- Host “How Telescopes Work” demonstrations and put your club members to work with mirror grinding demos and use some of that extra glass to let the public try.
- A lot of people own telescopes that they never use because they don't know how to, so encourage people to bring along their own telescope by running a "How to Use Your Telescope" workshop.
- Hold events outside of art galleries or musical events.
- Surround a shopping mall or city park with telescopes at every corner or entrance.
- Hold astropoetry events, such as a public poetry reading at a library.
- Get a local scout or school group to assist at your star party—have the youngsters ask questions, provide information, and even help run the scope.
- Have an “artists table” set up so that younger observers can make and take home their own souvenirs of the event.
- Work with a local library to have book displays set up near the telescope so that people can learn more.
- Work with another club in a different country and set up an internet connection so that those attending your event can connect with others doing the same thing at the same time in a different part of the world.
- Live-stream your event.

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Involving People with Disabilities in your Star Party

- [FAQ](#)- Star parties for individuals who are legally Visually Impaired - Frank Busutil.
- [Amazing Space](#)- downloadable images from the Hubble Telescope for printing on microcapsule paper.
- [Handicapped Access to the Sky by FAR Laboratories](#) - Wheelchair adaptations for telescope and binoculars.

Wishing you clear skies!

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