

2009 STELLAFANE CONVENTION  
*TALK/PRESENTATION SCHEDULE*

Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 11:00 a.m. – Astronomy Activities for **Kids** in the McGregor Obs. (for ages 5 to 12).
- 1:00 p.m. – ATM Demo Talk in the Pavilion (**Beginner level**).
- 2:00 p.m. – ATM Demo Talk in the Pavilion (**Beginner level**).
- 3:00 p.m. – ATM Demo Talk in the Pavilion (**Beginner level**).
- 3:00 p.m. – Astronomy Activities for **Kids** in the McGregor Obs. (for ages 5 to 12).
- 4:00 p.m. – ATM Demo Talk in the Pavilion (**Beginner level**).
- 4:00 p.m. – Solar System Walk behind the Pink Clubhouse (**Beginner level**).
- 5:00 p.m. – “Stellafane for Beginners” talk in the McGregor Obs. (**Beginner level**).
- 8:00 p.m. – Astro Imaging Seminar near the Ash dome in the observing field (Moderate level).
- 8:30 p.m. – Informal talks begin in the Pavilion (**Beginner** to Moderate level).
- 9:00 p.m. – “Harrington on Binoculars” talk in the McGregor Obs. (**Beginner level**).

Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:30 a.m. – Telescope Field Walk near the Pink Clubhouse (**Beginner level**).
- 11:00 a.m. – Astronomy Activities for **Kids** in the McGregor Obs. (for ages 5 to 12).
- 11:30 a.m. – Tour of the Turret Telescope at the Turret Telescope (**Beginner level**).
- 12:30 p.m. – Solar System Walk behind the Pink Clubhouse (**Beginner level**).
- 1:00 p.m. – Technical Talks begin in the Amphitheater (Moderate to Advanced level).
- 1:30 p.m. – “Dipper Full of Stars” sky talk at the McGregor Obs. (**Beginner level**).
- 3:00 p.m. – Astronomy Activities for **Kids** in the McGregor Obs (for ages 5 to 12).
- 5:00 p.m. – “Introduction to Telescopes For All Ages” talk in the McG Obs. (**Beginner level**).
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Program begins in the Amphitheater (**Beginner** to Moderate level).
- 8:00 p.m. – Astro Imaging Seminar near the Ash dome in the observing field (Moderate level).
- 10:00 p.m. – “Discover and Enjoy the Sky” talk in the McGregor Obs. (**Beginner level**).

The **ATM Demo talks** will briefly introduce people, who are interested in making their own telescopes, to the fundamental skills that are required to make your own mirror and build your own telescope. Following the talk, people can practice some of these skills at the hands-on ATM Demo.

During the **Solar System Walks**, people will get a feel for the sizes of the orbits of the planets by walking the scale model of the solar system, while the docent describes various characteristics of each planet.

The **Informal Talks** are where Conventioneers can give brief descriptions of their own astronomical projects, astrophotography, eclipse expeditions, etc.

During the **Telescope Field Walk**, a docent, who is an experienced amateur telescope maker, will show a group of people the various types of telescopes that will be set up around the Pink Clubhouse and describe their various characteristics.

During the **Tour of the Turret Telescope**, two long time members of the Springfield Telescope Makers will talk about the history of this unique telescope and demonstrate its operation.

The **Technical Talks** are where five pre-scheduled amateur astronomers will describe, in detail, their individual observational / telescope making projects.

During the **Evening Program**, the raffle prizes will be given out, the awards for the telescope competition will be presented and the Key-Note speaker will be heard.

During the **Astro Imaging Seminar**, an experienced astrophotographer will demonstrate techniques for using a video camera, specifically designed for astrophotography, on a telescope.

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