



Fremont Peak Observatory Association

29th Annual Fremont Peak Star-B-Que

Potluck Picnic, Star Party, and Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 23, 2014
At Fremont Peak State Park

This is a GREAT way to meet amateur astronomers and enjoy the fun side of astronomy.

YOU ARE INVITED: Anyone interested in astronomy or Fremont Peak State Park is welcome. You do not have to be a member of a club to attend.

Parking: Please pay \$6 State Park parking fee in the main parking area.

FREE! Potluck (bring something to share).

RSVP: We'd prefer an email to info@fpoa.net or call (831) 623-2465 or e-mail and leave your name and number of guests. RSVP by **August 18** so we can purchase enough food for everyone.



DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brian Day (LADEE Mission E/PO Lead) NASA Solar System Exploration Research virtual Institute Lead for Citizen Science and Community Engagement. With the Recent Wrap-up of the LADEE moon mission (pronounced LADD-ee), Brian will talk to us about the scientific findings. He'll even tell us about how the Moon has a tail like a comet!

RAFFLE! John Parker, of Orion Telescopes and Binoculars, will be conducting the raffle again. Many excellent prizes will be awarded. Grand prize will be a quality telescope.

Raffle is hosted by FPOA in accordance with CPC 320.5. Proceeds will support our Public Programs.

POTLUCK: Begins at 4:30 p.m. in the area below the observatory. We will provide meat (hamburgers and chicken), condiments, soft drinks and utensils.

Please bring a side dish, dessert, salad, or your favorite dish to share.

ASTRONOMICAL-GASTRONOMICAL CONTEST: **Bring a dish** having an astronomical theme and maybe you will win a fabulous prize! Entries will be judged based on culinary ingenuity, looks and astronomical relevance! Please enter by 6:00 p.m., by placing your dish suitably labeled on the food table. Entries arriving late may be consumed without judging! Prizes will be awarded.

TRIVIA CONTEST: The traditional Astronomical Trivia Contest will be held after we eat. And there will be fabulous prizes for the winners.

KIDS ACTIVITIES: We are currently planning the kid's activities and seeking volunteers to assist us with that. In previous years the activities included: Making and measuring craters, Star clock, Scale model of the solar system, and measuring angles from the horizon are some of the activities planned for the kids.

ANNUAL MEETING: Vote by 6:30 for three board directors. Send nominations to info@fpoa.net.

GETTING THERE: Take US 101 to State Route 156, 15 miles south of Gilroy and 20 miles north of Salinas. Go east on SR156 2.9 miles to the traffic signal. Turn right and watch carefully for the Fremont Peak State Park signs. After going 0.3 miles you will jog left then immediately right. Important! You should see a county road "G1" sign and a "Not A Through Road" sign. You should also see a Fremont Peak State Park sign. Then it is 11 miles to the park. Check www.fpoa.net for more detailed directions.

With some GPS units, this street address will get you close:
6878 San Juan County Rd. San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. If your GPS doesn't route you through San Juan Canyon Rd, use the instructions above.

Or you can use the GPS coordinates in either of the following formats:

36.7602° N 121.4987° W

36° 45.614' N 121° 29.922' W

36° 45' 36.8" N 121° 29' 55.4" W

<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=36.7602,-121.4987&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=14>

SEE WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY! After dark you can look through the 30-inch Challenger Telescope and see stars and stuff in the sky as you have never seen them before especially if it's clear.



ACCESSIBILITY Contact us at least one day before the event if you need accommodations.

COSPONSORS: The Astronomical Association of Northern California (AANC) and The Fremont Peak Observatory Association ...With the support of the California Department of Parks and Recreation and Hartnell College.