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AAAP to Host Star Party on September 24 at Wagman Observatory

PITTSBURGH – The Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) today announced that it will host an evening Star Party on Saturday, September 24 beginning at approximately 7:15 p.m. The event is free and open to all ages, and will be held at Wagman Observatory at Deer Lakes Park.

At this particular time of year, attendees will be able to see the planets Venus, Mars, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus. They will also be able to observe the Milky Way Galaxy without interference from the Moon, the Hercules Cluster, Ring Nebula, and the Andromeda Galaxy. Experts will be on-hand from the AAAP to assist guests. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the night sky through Wagman Observatory's Brashear Refractor, which is handicapped accessible for most observations, and the Manka Memorial Telescope.

Many members of the AAAP bring their own telescopes to events, which visitors are welcome to use. Guests may also feel free to bring their own telescopes or binoculars, blankets, and camping chairs. If you have a telescope and are not sure how to use it, bring it along and a member of the AAAP will be on hand to help. The AAAP will also have free handouts, guides, and booklets to help point visitors in the right direction.

Wagman Observatory is located at [225 Kurn Road, Tarentum, PA 15084](#). For more information, observatory staff can be reached at 724-224-2510 or you can visit the [AAAP's website](#). The Star Party will only be held weather permitting. Members of the media are welcome to contact Tom Reiland in the evening at 412-487-8326.

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