



PRESS RELEASE

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“Astronomy at the Beach” at Kensington Metropark, September 21 and 22, 2012

The Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (GLAAC) and the Huron-Clinton Metropark system will present the Sixteenth Annual “Astronomy at the Beach” public event Friday, September 21, and Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 6:00 pm to midnight at Kensington Metropark’s Maple Beach. “Astronomy at the Beach” is Michigan’s largest and best attended public astronomy outing specifically designed for kids, scouts, students and parents. This event has introduced thousands of participants to the world of science and astronomy through evening lectures, observing, and hands on activities.

This year, we will celebrate the last Space Shuttle missions to the Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station and discuss the future of the American manned space program. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Andrew Feustel , a two-time shuttle astronaut and geophysicist and a native of Lake Orion. Drew will talk about his work repairing the Hubble Space Telescope and installing experiments on the International Space Station, as well as the future of space exploration.

AATB is brought to you by the Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (GLAAC), the Huron-Clinton Metroparks , regional planetariums, academia, and retail businesses. Activities at Maple Beach pavilion will include: looking through telescopes and binoculars provided by club members; a series of short presentations ranging from how to choose a telescope to an introduction to astronomy; shows in a STARLAB portable planetarium providing a view of the stars for kids rain or shine; tours of the evening sky (weather permitting); hands on activities, and the presentation by NASA Astronaut Dr. Drew Feustel.

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