



# The Michiana Astronomical Society Presents: The Fourth Annual Michiana Star Party

At Dr. TK Lawless Park in Vandalia, MI

**May 18-20, 2012**

P.O. Box 262  
South Bend, IN 46624

## Featured Speakers

Steve H. Williams

Dr. Steven H. Williams is presently serving as Education/Public Outreach Lead for NASA's Planetary Science Division. His "home" is the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum's Education Division. He has an academic background in planetary science.



## Program

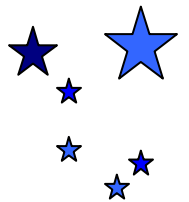
### Friday

- \* Camp set-up after 3:00 p.m.
- \* Observing
- \* Green laser constellation hunts
- \* Fr. Jim Fahey, LBT speaker
- \* Mr. Jim Hopkins, speaker
- \* Mr. Robert Parrish, speaker
- \* Informal talks thereafter



### Saturday

- \* Vendors and swaps
- \* Solar observing
- \* Hiking, biking, free time
- \* Organized activities for kids of all ages
- \* Earth Day celebration activities
- \* 11:00 a.m.- Erik Hendricks
- \* Lunch break
- \* 1:00 p.m.- Dr. Steven Williams
- \* 2:15 p.m.- Mr. Jim Hopkins
- \* 4:00 p.m. Group photo
- \* 4:15 p.m.- Mr. Chuck Bueter
- \* Dinner break
- \* Observing



### Eating and Sleeping

- \* Community campfire and grill
- \* Microwave ovens available
- \* Camp sites available for tents, campers, and RV's
- \* Public restrooms and running water available in Pavilion
- \* Motels/hotels in nearby communities

See [www.Michiana-Astro.org](http://www.Michiana-Astro.org) for more information.

### Park Opportunities

- \* Wildlife observations
- \* Hiking trails
- \* Biking trails
- \* Open fields for games, Frisbee
- \* **More! Saturday, Earth Day Celebration 2 pm-10 pm onsite**

See

[www.casscountymi.org/CountyParks/DrTKLawlessPark.aspx](http://www.casscountymi.org/CountyParks/DrTKLawlessPark.aspx) for more information.



# Michiana Star Party 2012

## Pre-registration Form

### May 18-20, 2012

Please pre-register by May 7. Copy this form as needed.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Others in your party: please include names, and ages if under 18.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member of Astronomy group – name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Pre-registration</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	\$23	_____	_____
MAS current member	\$15	_____	_____
Under 18	Free	_____	Free

Admission at the gate: Adult -- \$28, Under 18 -- \$10.

**Official 2012 Michiana Star Party T-shirt** (don't wait – we may not have your size on site)

Small	\$18	_____	_____
Medium	\$18	_____	_____
Large	\$18	_____	_____
XL	\$18	_____	_____
XXL	\$23	_____	_____
XXXL or larger	\$23	_____	_____

**MAS Membership for One Year** (optional)

Individual	\$15	_____	_____
Family	\$20	_____	_____

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to  
Michiana Astronomical Society.**

Your check is your receipt.  
No confirmation will be mailed.  
No refunds.  
Pre-registration closes May 7.

**Send pre-registration and check to:**

**Ruth Craft**  
**2142 Inglewood Pl.**  
**South Bend, IN 46616**  
(e-mail: rcraft@sbcsc.k12.in.us)

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### Star Party Camping Guidelines

- \* Arrive after 3:00 p.m. Friday, set up before dusk
- \* Star party ends at 11:00 a.m. Sunday
- \* Parking in designated parking area
- \* No car movement on the field after dark
- \* Bring battery power for motorized mounts
- \* Red flashlights only!
- \* Minors must be accompanied by an adult
- \* Dogs on leashes are allowed
- \* Vendors and swap tables welcome!
- \* Acoustical music instruments welcome!
- \* Inappropriate behavior will result in eviction
- \* Dress warmly
- \* Smoking permitted beyond telescope areas, downwind
- \* You are responsible for the security of your own belongings.