

Dark Sky Happenings

The Dark Belongs To You

The night skies have ever held our intrigue. Looking up at a clear sky filled with diamond lights and the arcing dust cloud of the Milky Way, my breath catches in my throat. Timelessness. Stillness. Oneness. All experiences of the night sky

Growing up in Moab, I could see the Milky Way Galaxy almost every night. Above me were always billions of bright, twinkling lights illuminating my imagination. I couldn't fathom counting them because I knew it would be impossible. But I created my own constellations and named stars; I watched for satellites and meteors.

Looking up and seeing the vastness of the universe before my very eyes made a pronounced impact on my life as a child. Now as an adult, I feel unsteady and a little nervous when I'm looking into the night sky, for it provokes the understanding that I'm in the corner of an infinite universe of planets and galaxies, moons and black holes. There is an element of mystery and uncertainty to the starry night sky. What is the universe but the greatest of all questions, the one that we will never fully understand? The night sky is powerful.

When we see the night sky, we're suddenly acutely aware of our place within the universe. In today's fast-paced society, these experiences can be important for grounding ourselves. When we experience awe, we realize that we're not the center of the universe. As we once thought the Sun revolved around us, we tend to think so does the world. But we seek to belong, to find meaning in our lives, and to connect with something larger than ourselves. The night sky does all of this for

us. It's important to look up from our self-centric lives to connect ourselves to the bigger picture. The red iron in our blood comes from the supernova explosion of the stars. We came from the stars, and are intrinsically connected to them more than we are aware. The universe is us, so let's stay in touch with it.

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North



JUNE SUNRISE & SUNSET TIMES

(The time of sunrise and sunset assumes a flat horizon. Actual time may vary depending upon the landscape.)

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
1	5:55 am	8:36 pm
2	5:55 am	8:37 pm
3	5:54 am	8:38 pm
4	5:54 am	8:38 pm
5	5:54 am	8:39 pm
6	5:54 am	8:39 pm
7	5:53 am	8:40 pm
8	5:53 am	8:41 pm
9	5:53 am	8:41 pm
10	5:53 am	8:42 pm
11	5:53 am	8:42 pm
12	5:53 am	8:43 pm
13	5:53 am	8:43 pm
14	5:53 am	8:43 pm
15	5:53 am	8:44 pm
16	5:53 am	8:44 pm
17	5:53 am	8:44 pm
18	5:53 am	8:45 pm
19	5:53 am	8:45 pm
20	5:53 am	8:45 pm
21	5:54 am	8:45 pm
22	5:54 am	8:46 pm
23	5:54 am	8:46 pm
24	5:54 am	8:46 pm
25	5:55 am	8:46 pm
26	5:55 am	8:46 pm
27	5:55 am	8:46 pm
28	5:56 am	8:46 pm
29	5:56 am	8:46 pm
30	5:57 am	8:46 pm

MOON HAPPENINGS

June 20 - First Quarter at 4:52 am
June 27 - Full Moon at 10:54 pm

June Events



CANYON COUNTRY DISCOVERY CENTER

Deep Space Objects Astronomy Program

Wednesday, June 13th; 8:30-10:00pm

\$3/person, \$12/family, FREE for members
Jupiter will make an appearance as we share facts about our solar system and explore other special objects in our night sky.

Summer Solstice Astronomy Program


Friday, June 22nd; 8:30-10:00pm

\$3/person, \$12/family, FREE for members
Explore the change of seasons in the night sky! Listen to stories about constellations while viewing the moon, nebulae, and other night sky objects.

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