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**Night Sky & Telescope Viewing Show**

Welcome to the Hawkins Observatory where you'll be taken on a guided tour of the heavens. We offer a unique presentation to introduce you to the wonders of the cosmos and get you familiar with the night sky before you'll have the opportunity to view many wonderful celestial objects though our variety of telescopes. Our guides have many years worth of knowledge and experience and can answer any of your questions about the universe and our place in it.

**What to Expect**

Shows last for 1.5 hours. We begin with a 20 min presentation to introduce you to the variety of wonders in the night sky and to impart a sense of scale of our surrounding universe and the structures within it. The remaining time is spent viewing celestial objects directly though a variety of telescopes. You'll be astonished to see with your own eyes, light emanating from the planets, distant stars, nebulas and even other galaxies millions of light-years away! You'll come away with a deeper understanding of how the cosmos is structured as well as a gained appreciation for the universal processes that make our existence here on Earth possible.

**Showtimes**

Jan 7:30

Feb 7:30

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

**Ticket Prices**

Adult: $25.00

Child: $10.00

Senior: $20.00

**Telescopes**

20" Planewave Reflector

11" Celestron Shmidt-Cassegrain

8" Meade Shmidt-Cassegrain

4" Orion Refractor

**Objects Visible for the Month of April 2018**

MOON: 1st-2nd, 21st-20th

PLANETS: -

MINOR PLANETS: -

COMETS: -

STARS: Sirius, Betelguese

MULTIPLE STARS: Acrux, Alpha Centauri, Rigel, HD 56578

PLANETARY NEBULAE: Ghost of Jupiter

OPEN CLUSTERS: Jewel Box, NGC 2362, Beehive, Little Beehive, NGC 3114, NGC 3532, NGC 3293, NGC 2516

GLOBULAR CLUSTERS: 47 Tucanae, Omega Centauri

NEBULAE: Orion Nebula, Tarantula Nebula, Eta Carina Nebula

GALAXIES: Centaurus A, Sombrero Galaxy, Lg. & Sm. Magellanic Clouds

CONSTELLATIONS: Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Canis Major, Canis Minor, Eridanus,

ASTERISMS: Saucepan, False Cross, Diamond Cross, Sickle.