

**The Saskatoon & Regina RASC Centres present:
Saskatchewan Summer Star Party 2008
at the Cypress Hills Inter-provincial Park
and Dark-Sky Preserve
August 28 to 31**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 - tentative

- 15:00-17:00 Early bird registration opens - Meadows Campground
- 17:00-18:30 BBQ – Amphitheatre
- 19:00 “*The Amazing Sky*” – Alan Dyer – Amphitheatre (Public Talk)
- 21:30 SSSP Viewing - Meadows Campground

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 - tentative

- 13:00-16:30 Registration - Meadows Campground
- 11:00-12:30 **Solar Viewing** – Swimming Pool
- 18:00-19:00 Registration - Wapiti Room
- 19:00-21:00 **Short presentations** - Wapiti Room
- 21:00-23:00 Public starnight viewing - Tennis Courts
- 21:30 **SSSP Viewing** - Meadows Campground
- 22:30 **Observing Workshop** - Meadows Campground

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - tentative

- 10:00-11:00 Registration – Meadows Campground
- 11:00 **Swap Table** – Meadows Campground
- Cypress Park Resort Inn – Wapiti Room**
- 12:30-13:00 Final Registration
- 13:00 **Afternoon Speakers** – Scott Young & tbd
- 15:00 Social Break
- 15:30 **Lucien Kemble Memorial Lecture**
“*Dark Site Observing with the Unaided Eye*” – Alan Whitman
- 16:30 **GA 2009 Invitation, 10-Year Pin Awards**
Astrophotography awards
Door Prize draws
Group photo at volleyball court
- 18:00 **Evening Banquet**

Meadows Campground

- 20:00 **Unveil Your 'Scopes** Walk-around Social
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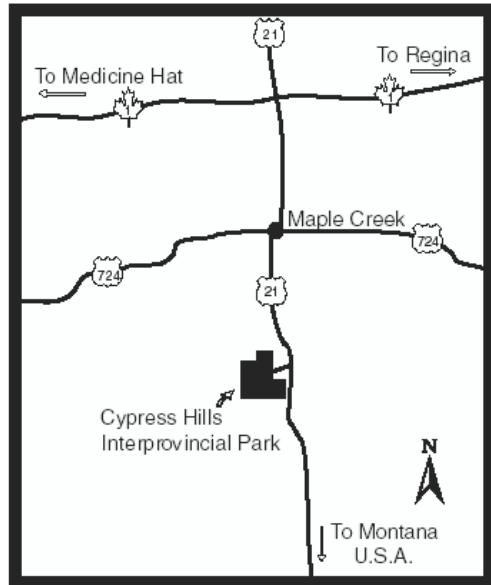
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - tentative

- Free time for park activities
- 21:30 **Stragglers Evening Viewing** – Meadows

**For more information contact SSSP 2008 Registrars
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<http://homepage.usask.ca/~ges125/rasc/starparty.html>



Cypress Hills General Information

Park entrance fee: \$7 a day / \$17 for 3 days. Camping and campfires are extra. The SSSP is held in the Meadows Campground where most participants camp and observe. All sites in the Meadows (except for 15 reserve-a-sites) are rush sites that are available only on arrival. These cannot be pre-booked. Electrical hook-up fees in the Meadows: \$18 a day. Other campgrounds nearby include Terrace and Rainbow campgrounds. For camping info call (306) 662-5484. [See our website for further details.](#)

Cypress Park Resort Inn rates: (306) 662-4477

email: resort.office@cypressresortinn.com

A block of rooms (for Thursday, Friday & Saturday) have been reserved for Star Party attendees. When reserving please indicate you are with the Star Party. No guarantee. Book early! **Other locations for lodging** (out of the Park): Spring Valley Guest Ranch (306) 295-4124, Sorensen's B&B (306) 662-3377

SSSP 2008 General Information

Come join over 260 enthusiastic explorers of the skies from across Western Canada & North America for the August new moon. Experience the high altitude and dark skies that characterizes Cypress Hills. Mingle with the experienced and novice amateur astronomers and find first hand the camaraderie only SSSP can offer. The days are informative and the nights prime for observing.

SSSP 2008 Fr. Kemble Memorial Lecturer

Alan Whitman: “*Dark Site Observing with the Unaided Eye*”

Many details can be seen in the marbled Milky Way from a fine dark site like SSSP with just the unaided eye: star clouds, dark nebulae, and clusters. The main emphasis will be on the naked-eye dark nebulae that can be identified in the summer Milky Way by a careful observer on the best nights, but there will also be some mention of the glorious view of our galaxy that can be seen from the southern hemisphere. The talk will also cover some of the bright open clusters away from the Milky Way, naked-eye variable stars, as well as the zodiacal light, zodiacal band, and gegenschein. While only objects that are visible with the unaided eye will be discussed, binoculars are a natural extension of naked-eye observing so the appearance of some objects through ordinary 7x50s will also be mentioned.

