

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
 21:00 -23:00 Public starnight viewing - Tennis Courts
 21:30 **SSSP Viewing** - Meadows Campground
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - tentative

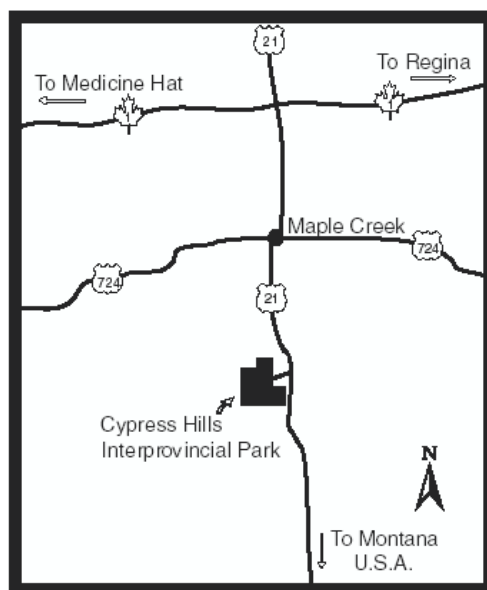
- Free time for park activities
 21:30 **Stragglers Evening Viewing** – Meadows

For more information contact SSSP 2008 Registrars and mail registrations to:

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Visit our web site regularly for updated information:
<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.

SSSP 2008 REGISTRATION

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

RASC Centre / Club Affiliation: _____

What observing equipment do you expect to bring (binoculars, telescopes, etc.)? This will be printed on the 'Scopes walk-about' handout.

Total # of persons attending: _____

Please list **names** of all attendees as you would like them shown on the nametags:

Adults:

Children (ages):

_____ (_____) _____

_____ (_____) _____

_____ (_____) _____

Would you like to participate in the Friday night informal presentations (5 to 15 minutes)?

____ Yes ____ No

Topic: _____

Equipment required: _____

For registration postmarked by Aug. 9, 2008:

_____ Single(s) @ \$20 = \$ _____

_____ Couples @ \$30 = \$ _____

_____ Family @ \$40 = \$ _____

Late registration (after Aug. 9 & at Star Party)

Add \$10.00 per category = \$ _____

Thursday BBQ Tickets: _____ @ \$ 5 = \$ _____

Dinner Banquet Tickets:

_____ Adult(s) 12 yrs + @ \$23 = \$ _____

_____ Children 4-11yrs @ \$12 = \$ _____

_____ under 4 yrs old eat free = \$ **0** _____

SSSP 2008 pins _____ @ \$ 7 = \$ _____

SSSP 2008 Shirts (mark sizes/quantity in grid)

Size	T-Shirt @\$17	Golf shirt @\$30	Bunnyhug @\$40
Adult Small			
Adult Med			
Adult Large			
Adult XL			
Adult XXL			
Adult XXXL			
Youth S 6-9			
Youth M 10-12			
Youth L 14-16			
Total			

Total Shirt Cost = \$ _____

On-site availability of shirts and banquet dinner tickets not guaranteed if not requested and paid for in advance. The on-site order prices are: \$27.00 for T-shirts, \$40.00 for Golf shirts and \$50.00 for bunnyhugs. Golf shirts not available in youth sizes.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make cheque payable to:
RASC Saskatoon Centre

Mail completed registration form and cheque to:

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