



Saturday Member's Night

A significant benefit of membership is our Saturday Member's Night. Though our observatory is technically open every night of the year, your access is limited unless you are a keyholder. But on Saturday evenings the observatory is specifically opened by one of the full keyholders for the exclusive use of the non-keyholders of the club.

On a rotating basis, our full key holders are assigned these Saturday nights and they will be your host. It's their responsibility to open the observatory and offer member in attendance on the proper use of the telescopes and be able to answer questions about our hobby.

All the Saturday hosts currently know how to operate the following equipment:

- A-dome/A-scope.
- B-dome/B-scope.
- The 8-inch GOTO Celestron in the Z2 roll off.
- The two 18" Obsession Dobsonian Telescopes.
- Solar Scope.

Many of our Saturday hosts know substantially more than the operation of this equipment, but at a minimum, you can expect your host to be able to help you operate any of the above equipment.

Hosts will communicate to the members through the Google group what time the Observatory will be open, weather conditions to expect, and the Moon phase. Look for this posting as early as Friday evening and no later than early Saturday afternoon. Hosts will also post their email address and phone number so you can contact them directly.

A host will be at the observatory on every Saturday, clear or cloudy. On clear nights the host can be expected to be at the Observatory all evening, but on cloudy nights the host will only be on site for about an hour after sunset unless members show up for training. If you would like to come out to the Observatory later than these times you will need to communicate either by phone or email with the evenings host as to what your needs are. It is also a great help to the host if you let them know approximately when you're planning on coming out that evening.