

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn157

Number of telescopes: 1

Number of organisers: 13

Number of attendees: 114

Event Report:

Our event was 8 hours long. For five hours during the day, we had displays set up for people to visit as they wanted. Displays included: Space missions, the solar system, the sun, meteorites, lunar samples (borrowed from NASA), light pollution, birthday stars, telescopes and binoculars, general astronomy, IYA2009 and astrophotography. We had 79 visitors during that time period. Members manned the stations and answered questions. Along with general public, we had home schoolers, public school teachers looking for materials, and one scout troop gained enough information to finish their badge requirements. During the night we had scheduled a three hour viewing session. It poured rain all day long and into the night time session. Even though it was raining, we still had 35 visitors at the night time session. We had a scout troop visit and a local high school sends their students over to our programs. The students were given a presentation about "What is the Fate of the Universe" while the scouts learned about telescopes and received their birthday stars. We also showed the meteorites and lunar samples during this time. During the last hour, the sky cleared enough to view the two perfect objects for a Galilean night--the moon and Jupiter. With the constant downpour, we were thrilled to receive 114 visitors during our programming.