

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn670

Number of telescopes: Two fixed telescopes, Galileoscope, binoculars.

Number of organisers: 4

Number of attendees: 6

Event Report:

We planned a public star party, which could draw upwards of two hundred guests and dozens of members, but we had rain and temperatures in the fifties.

Four of our members attended, and we had only six guests. Skies were clouded as three groups of two attended in succession. I utilized display boards and posted NSN materials, and discussion to educate visitors on astronomy. There was particular interest in the the Kepler Mission and Light Pollution Display Boards and the NSN Planet Quest star maps, as well as the 3-D images of sunspots.

Mingo 2010 Star Party Brochures, meteor shower schedules, Planetquest Starmaps, donated astronomy magazines, and star finders were were used and/or passed out to guests.

Those few who attended shared a sense of wonder for astronomy as they received individualized attention, and had essentially private tours and one on one instruction.