

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn797

Number of telescopes: 70

Number of organisers: 9

Number of attendees: 120

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Event Report:

First off, we were pleased to see that we were written up in a brief article in the San Francisco Chronicle on the morning of our event (<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/10/23/BAG31A9C1K.DTL>) along with a few other Galilean Nights Events in the San Francisco Bay Area. We obtained 65 Galileoscope kits and sold all of the kits at a reduced price to about 50 individuals and families (many with elementary school-aged children).

We had UC Berkeley astronomers helping folks build their Galileoscope and we also had astronomers outside showing people how to use their Galileoscope. There was some thin cirrus clouds, but we were still easily able to see Jupiter (and all 4 Galilean moons) and many craters on the Moon in the Galileoscopes. In addition, we had a couple larger telescopes pointing at some other astronomical objects. There was about 120 people throughout the evening looking through telescopes, many of whom had never done so before and now most of whom own their own Galileoscope!