

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn555

Number of telescopes: 3

Number of organisers: 5

Number of attendees: 75

Event Report:

The week before our event, we contacted several local elementary schools, and sent a press release to several media representatives. The night of our event (Oct 22), we set up telescopes outside on the sidewalk of the Angelo State Planetarium. We had three telescopes – 18" and 8" DOB, & 12" Schmidt-Cassegrain) The visitors started arriving at 7:15pm. Our weather was as close to perfect as you could get. Many of our visitors commented that this was their first time to look through a telescope. Three of Jupiter's moons were visible. Our guests ranged from about elementary students to older adults with their grandchildren. We were also able to point out several constellations.

We had a back-up plan involving a slide show and the planetarium, but these were not needed. The last of our visitors left about 9pm.