

THE CAMPUS OBSERVATORY

at the University of Saskatchewan

ABOUT:

The campus observatory provides the public with weekly viewings of our night sky every Saturday night. Admission is free.

Observatory facilities at the University of Saskatchewan are available for use by both university students and visitors to the campus. The telescopes and other scientific equipment are used by university students during the laboratory component of their courses.

The campus observatory was constructed in two phases between 1928 and 1930, at a cost of approximately \$23,000. University funding was supplemented by private donations. A plaque with the names of many donors still hangs inside the dome of the observatory. Saskatoon residents will find many of the names highly recognizable even today.

VIEWING:

The observatory houses a 3 meter long refracting telescope with 6 inch diameter lens. On clear Saturday nights, staff will point the telescope at seasonal objects in the sky. Planets, nebulae, star clusters, galaxies, and even comets can be viewed at the right times of the year. On cloudy nights, staff present an educational slide show depicting objects in our solar system, galaxy, and beyond.

The Observatory also features a small museum with a tour of our solar system. Exhibits also highlight the history and fundamentals of Astronomy, and there is even a display on black holes!

STAR ADOPTION:

Stars may be adopted at the U of S observatory by making a tax-deductible contribution payable to the University of Saskatchewan. Adoption rates depend upon the star's apparent brightness and range in price from \$50 to \$1500. Your donation will help to purchase and maintain telescopes and facilities at the University of Saskatchewan and to hire personnel to conduct astronomy programs for the community. Please visit the observatory or the website for more details.



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HOURS:

The observatory is open to the public on Saturdays for the following hours:

January: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
February 7:30 - 9:30 pm
March 8:30 - 10:30 pm
April 9:30 - 11:30 pm
May 10:00 - 11:30 pm
June 10:00 - 11:30 pm
July 10:00 - 11:30 pm
August 9:30 - 11:30 pm
September 8:30 - 10:30 pm
October 7:30 - 9:30 pm
November 7:30 - 9:30 pm
December 7:30 - 9:30 pm

TOURS:

Tours for school and community groups are arranged for Friday evenings (October - March). Special tours may be arranged during the summer months. Phone (306) 966-6396 to book a tour.

LOCATION:

The Observatory is located on campus in Saskatoon, 1 block north of the intersection of Wiggins Avenue and College Drive.

For more information please visit our website:
<http://physics.usask.ca/observatory/>