

### **Attention Fair-Weather Astronomers**

Some of us ignore crisp, brilliant winter nights – we wait for the gentle, lambent skies of summer. Now our time has come! Please consider bringing your equipment to the meeting, just in case it's clear afterward.

### **Too Much Astronomy? No Such Thing!**

May 10 – the day after our meeting – is Astronomy Day! This event is just too much fun to miss. Exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, observing, and delightful people – it's all free, and it starts at 5 P.M. at Harper College in Palatine. Address: 1200 W. Algonquin Rd; follow signs to Building Z. See you there!

### **Membership Roster Next Month**

Have you renewed your membership yet? If so, you'll be on the list in next month's newsletter...

### **Coming Events**

#### **June 4: "The Endless Universe" – Lecture at Fermilab, 8 P.M., \$5**

Big Bang or Cyclic Universe? Dr. Paul Steinhardt of Princeton discusses competing theories. For information or reservations: 630/840.ARTS (2787) weekdays 9 – 4 <http://www.fnal.gov/culture>

#### **June 6 – June 8: Bootleg Astronomers Star Party, Green River IL, \$25**

Two nights' wilderness camping, very dark skies, water/electricity, coffee/tea/hot chocolate. <http://bootlegastronomy.com/>

#### **June 20-21: Midwest Astro-Imaging Conference (MAIC), NIU Hoffman Estates Mtg. Ctr.**

Hosted by AstroPhoto Insight Magazine. Vendors, prizes, food, free wireless. Speakers: Jim Burnell, Mike Unsold, Warren Keller, Robert Reeves, Neil Fleming. <http://www.skyinsight.com/maic/>

#### **July 20 – August 9: The 44<sup>th</sup> International Astronomical Youth Camp, Sayda, Germany**

Ages 16 to 24 are invited! Do real research, enjoy camping, meet other young astronomers. [http://www.iayc.org/next\\_camp.php](http://www.iayc.org/next_camp.php)

#### **September 5-7: Astrofest**

<http://www.chicagoastro.org/af/index.html>

#### **September 13-14: Family Fun Campout, Lake Forest Beach**

Skokie Valley Astronomers are invited to bring their telescopes. (Camping optional.)

#### **September 25-28: Prairie Skies Star Party**

<http://www.prairieskies.org/>

#### **September 25-28: Illinois Dark Sky Star Party**

<http://www.sas-sky.org/>