

Almost Heaven Star Party



Celebrating our **20th Anniversary** under West Virginia's darkest skies

August 11-18, 2026

Meals Observing Presentations On-Site Events Off-Site Events

Tuesday August 11, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 5:00p • Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing
Presentation Yurt
- 5:30p • Dinner

Wednesday August 12, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 5:00p • Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing
Presentation Yurt
- 5:30p • Dinner

Thursday August 13, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 5:00p • Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing
Presentation Yurt
- 5:30p • Dinner

Friday August 14, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 3:00p • Solar Observing
Yurt Deck
- 4:30p • Chad Merrill
Weather for Astronomers - Presentation Yurt
- 5:00p • Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing
Presentation Yurt
- 5:30p • Dinner
- 6:30p • Skip Bird
Sky Lore - Presentation Yurt
- 7:30p • Alex Gorbachev
Building an Astronomy Trailer - Presentation Yurt
- 8:00p • Night Sky Tour
Yellow Lot

Saturday August 15, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- CHOOSE ONE
- 9:00a • Bird Watching & Geology Hike
Leaves from Yurt Deck
- 9:00a • Canoeing
Spruce Knob Lake
- 10:30a • Green Bank Observatory Tour
Meet at Yurt Deck
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 1:00p • Caving
Meet at Yurt Deck
- 1:30p • Charlie Bracken
Presentation Yurt
- 5:00p • AHSP Raffle
Yurt Deck
- 5:30p • Dinner
- 6:30p • Emily Margolis
Smithsonian Institution - Presentation Yurt
- 7:30p • Lyle Mars
Messier Marathon - Presentation Yurt
- 8:00p • Night Sky Tour
Yellow Lot

Sunday August 16, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- CHOOSE ONE
- 9:00a • Bird Watching & Geology Hike
Leaves from Yurt Deck
- 9:00a • Cass Scenic Railroad
Self transportation
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 1:00p • Skip Bird
Physics is Phun: A Kids Event - Presentation Yurt
- 3:00p • Solar Observing
Yurt Deck
- 5:30p • Dinner

Monday August 17, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- 12:00p • Lunch
- 1:00p • Skip Bird
Astronomical League Observing Programs - Presentation Yurt
- 5:30p • Dinner

Tuesday August 18, 2026

- 8:00a • Breakfast
- AHSP Ends - 10:00am
Safe travels - see you at the 21st!

Clear skies for our 20th year, Almost Heaven!

www.ahsp.org - Field lots, meal plans & activity registration open now

Schedule reflects the primary on-site program days. Times, speakers, and activities are subject to change - always check ahsp.org and posted signage on-site for the latest updates.