



**SUMMER STAR PARTY**  
**JULY 29th - AUGUST 7th 2011**

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**CELEBRATING OUR 20TH YEAR!**



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### ROCKLAND ASTRONOMY CLUB

Welcome to the Summer Star Party,

You've heard about it, seen pictures of it and the time has once again come to get ready for it! I'm talking about the Rockland Astronomy Club's [Summer Star Party](#). By far this is the longest and the best family oriented star party around. It goes on for ten days in the most beautiful mountain setting in the northwest corner of Massachusetts. The skies are dark and pristine with the milky way arcing across the entire sky from one horizon to the other. I bet I have your attention now!

To start off with we have the nicest, friendliest people you could meet, a comfortable restful atmosphere, meeting people with similar interests and enjoying casual conversations about everything astronomy.

We operate the star party at a beautiful private campground that is completely equipped with everything a family or individual could need. From a dining hall offering breakfast and dinner everyday to full facility rest rooms with flush toilets and hot showers, a huge spring fed swimming pool, a front office with a small store, playgrounds, ball fields, hiking & biking trails. The campground offers tree shaded campsites that can accommodate tents, campers & RV's each with access to electric, water & a fire pit.

For those who don't or can't camp out, don't worry! There are nearby hotels and motels 15-20 minutes away. You can sleep at the hotel and join us for all the meals, activities and nightly observing so you won't miss a thing!

Our observing field can easily accommodate 250 telescopes and is equipped with electric and water. It is in a huge open treeless mowed grass field that gives a full 360 degree view of the sky. During the day we offer magnificent views of the Sun and provide a quenching drink of lemonade & at night, coffee and cookies; now what better way to view the stars than with a cup of Joe!

We offer programs for the kids from rocket making and launching, to Astronomical Scavenger Hunts, making your own 3D constellation and more. For the teens we have a game and refreshment tent just for them at night. Adults can do a Scope Tour where everyone uncovers their scope in the daytime and gets a chance to show off their toys, and were conveniently located about 1-1/2 hours from the Stellafane Telescope Convention. Take a cooling dip in the spring fed swimming pool or in a nearby icy cold stream. Visit the many tourist spots very close by. Of course you can also count on a very peaceful and quiet alone time that is soothing and relaxing.

We invite you to join us and have a great time! Stay as long or short as you like; all ten days, a weekend or two, a few days; any combination works. Camp with us or stay at local hotels, dine with us or visit the many fine country restaurants in the area. Flexibility is the name of the game. Customize our star party to fit you vacation.

**Visit [www.rocklandastronomy.com](http://www.rocklandastronomy.com) and see the new Summer Star Party Brochure in full color.**

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## SUMMER STAR PARTY

### **(REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS)**

# REGISTRATION IS A SIMPLE TWO PART PROCESS.

**PART 1: REGISTERS YOU WITH THE CAMPGROUND FOR YOUR CAMPSITE.**

**PART 2: REGISTERS YOU WITH THE ROCKLAND ASTRONOMY CLUB.**

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR BOTH  
PARTS!**

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# SUMMER STAR PARTY (PART 1)

## (CAMPSITE REGISTRATION FEES)

### CAMPSITE REGISTRATION BEGINS

#### March 1st - March 31st

Campsite registration only for people who attended LAST YEARS SSP and want the same campsite they had last year.

#### April 1st - SSP DAY

Campsite registration for everyone else, for all remaining campsites.  
(FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)

### CAMPSITE COSTS

#### **(MARCH 1ST - MAY 31ST) SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY DISCOUNT PRICE!!**

20% OFF FULL PRICE ON CAMPSITE FEES FOR RETURNING SSP PARTICIPANTS.

40% OFF FULL PRICE ON CAMPSITE FEES FOR ALL 'NEW' (1ST TIME) PEOPLE.

#### **(JUNE 1ST - SSP DAY) FULL PRICE**

TWO ADULTS PER NIGHT - \$35.00

OWN KIDS 7 - 17 YRS. OLD PER NIGHT - \$3.00

OWN KIDS 6 YRS. & UNDER - FREE

(FEE FOR ADDITIONAL (GUESTS) ADULTS ARE \$10.00 & KIDS 7-17 \$8.00 PER NIGHT)

**CALL SHADY PINES CAMPGROUNDS DIRECTLY TO REGISTER  
FOR A CAMPSITE AND FOR OPTIONAL MEALS  
AT: (413) 743 - 2694**

- 50% DEPOSIT OF CAMPSITE COST REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
- ALL REMAINING CAMPSITE FEES WILL BE PAID IN FULL UPON ARRIVAL AT THE SUMMER STAR PARTY TO SHADY PINES CAMPGROUND.
- PEOPLE STAYING AT OFF SITE HOTELS AND NOT CAMPING WILL BE CHARGED A VISITORS FEE OF \$4.00 PER DAY INSTEAD OF THE NORMAL CAMPING FEES.
- ON SITE TRAILER AND CABIN RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE, CALL SHADY PINES CAMP GROUND FOR AVAILABILITY AND PRICING.

**PART 1 (OPTIONAL MEALS) CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE**

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# SUMMER STAR PARTY

## (PART 1 CONTINUED)

### (OPTIONAL MEAL FEES)

### MEALS

At the Summer Star Party you can have all Breakfast's & Dinners cooked for you by Shady Pines Campground. Seven meals are included free with your club registration. The additional 11 meals are optional meals that can be purchased at additional cost by calling: Shady Pines Campgrounds [\(413\) 743 - 2694](tel:4137432694).

**YOU MUST RESERVE AND PAY FOR THESE OPTIONAL MEALS IN ADVANCE**

DAY	MEAL	AGE 13 & UP	NO. OF PEOPLE	AGE 7 - 12	NO. OF PEOPLE	SUB TOTAL COST
	<b>DISCOUNT PRICE FOR ALL 11 MEALS OPTIONAL MEALS</b>	<b>\$77.00</b>		<b>\$59.00</b>		
1ST FRI.	SNACK BAR DINNER	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
1ST SAT.	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
1ST SAT.	PIZZA PARTY	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
1ST SUN.	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
1ST SUN.	LASAGNA DINNER	\$11.00		\$8.00		
MONDAY	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
	SIRLOIN DINNER	\$11.00		\$8.00		
TUESDAY	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
	CHICKEN DINNER	\$11.00		\$8.00		
WED.	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
WED.	PASTA DINNER	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
THURSDAY	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
	PORK DINNER	\$11.00		\$8.00		
2ND FRI.	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
2ND FRI.	SNACK BAR DINNER	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
2ND SATURDAY	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
	PIZZA PARTY	CLUB PROVIDED FREE MEAL				
2ND SUN.	BREAKFAST	\$5.50		\$4.50		
<b>TOTAL COST</b>						

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# SUMMER STAR PARTY (PART 2)

## CLUB REGISTRATION FEE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST THE NAMES OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY

ADULT: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT: \_\_\_\_\_

TEEN: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

KIDS: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ KIDS: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAMPING INFORMATION:

(CIRCLE THE NIGHTS YOU WILL ATTEND) CAMPSITE # \_\_\_\_\_

(1ST FRI) (1ST SAT) (1ST SUN) (MON) (TUES) (WED) (THURS) (2ND FRI) (2ND SAT)

### **CLUB REGISTRATION FEES (PART 2)**

AGE GROUP	PRICE	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL COST
ADULTS / TEENS AGE 13 & UP	\$50.00 CLUB MEMBER \$60.00 NON - MEMBER		
KIDS (AGE 7 - 12)	\$30.00		
KIDS (AGE 6 & UNDER)	FREE		

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** ----- \$

SSP USE / PAYMENT RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ BY: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ BY: CASH \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: ROCKLAND ASTRONOMY CLUB**  
**MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM (PART 2) & YOUR CHECK TO:**

**JOSE ALVIRA**  
**P.O. BOX 309**  
**FORT MONTGOMERY N.Y. 10922**



# SUMMER STAR PARTY

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### 1st FRIDAY

**12:00 pm – 8:00 pm SSP begins.** Setup of your telescopes and campsites\*

• No telescope setup in the main observing field after sunset!! If you arrive after 8:00 pm, set up your telescope and equipment before setting up your tent & campsite. All vehicles must be removed from the observing field before dark!! No driving allowed after dark!!! No white flashlights allowed, use only red flashlights!!

5:00 pm – 9:30 pm Dinner – Choice of menu at Shady Pines Buffet -----USE COUPON #1

### 1st SATURDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

10:00 am – 12:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN: SCAVENGER HUNT (Meet at Campground Front Office)

8:00 am - 5:00 pm "STELLAFANE TRIP" (IN VERMONT)

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN: NATIVE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE (at Dining Hall)

5:15 pm – 5:45 pm Door Prize Drawing" (at Dining Hall)

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Pizza Party (at Dining Hall) -----USE COUPON #2

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm SSP GROUP PHOTO (Location: Outside Dining Hall).

### 1st SUNDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Pancake/French Toast Breakfast (A Dining Hall) -----USE COUPON #3

10:00 am – 12:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN: MODEL ROCKET BUILDING (at Dining Hall)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm "Pro-am Swap Table – (AT CLUB TENT ON TELESCOPE FIELD)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm "Scope Tours" (UNCOVER AND SHOW OFF YOUR TELESCOPE)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner – Baked Lasagna (At Dining Hall) -----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN "MODEL ROCKET LAUNCHING" (At The Volleyball Field)

### MONDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Sirloin Strip Steak Dinner (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

### TUESDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner (At Dining Hall)OPTIONAL COST MEAL

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN "MODEL ROCKET LAUNCHING" (At the Volleyball Field)

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

10:00 am – 12:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN: 'BUILD A PLANISPHERE' (at Dining Hall)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm "SSP Italian Night" – Spaghetti dinner (At Dining Hall) -----USE COUPON #4

### THURSDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Oder) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Pork Tenderloin Dinner (At Dining Hall) -----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN "MODEL ROCKET LAUNCHING" (At the Volleyball Field)

### 2nd FRIDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

10:00 am – 12:00 pm KID'S EXPLORaFUN: MAKE '3D CONSTELLATIONS' & 'PLANET WALK'

5:00 pm – 9:30 pm Dinner – Choice of menu at Shady Pines Buffet -----USE COUPON #5

### 2nd SATURDAY

8:30 am – 10:30 am Pancake/French Toast Breakfast (At Dining Hall) -----USE COUPON #6

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm SSP Image Gallery Show (Shots taken at SSP) in the Dining Hall

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Pizza Party (At Dining Hall)-----USE COUPON #7

### 2nd SUNDAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am Breakfast (Made to Order) (At Dining Hall)-----OPTIONAL COST MEAL

10:30 am – 3:00 pm Check –Out Time. Please leave your campsite as clean as it was when you checked in! Thank you for attending Rockland Astronomy Club's Summer Star Party; we'll see you next year!

**"ACTIVITIES MAY SHIFT TIME AND DAYS ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER; CHECK FOR UPDATED SCHEDULE"**

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

SSP is held at Shady Pines Campground, a privately owned and operated facility located in Savoy, Massachusetts. Accordingly, SSP attendees, their family members and guests must abide by rules and policies established by the owners. The owners reserve the right to evict anyone for violation thereof. Intentional damage to buildings or equipment, the playground, video games, vehicles, swimming pool, or the camping equipment of other campers will result in immediate eviction.

#### REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be made for late arrival or premature departure from SSP. If you arrive after the arrival date indicated on your reservation form, you may extend your stay beyond the original departure date, provided the campsite is vacant. No refunds will be made if you fail to attend SSP and you have not called to explain why you can't attend to both Shady Pines Campground (413) 743-2694 and to the Rockland Astronomy Club (845) 446-4336.

- Cancellations & refund (for Rockland Astronomy Club fees) before the date of arrival get a full refund less a \$10.00 processing fee.
- Cancellations & refund (for Shady Pines Campground reservation deposit fees) 14 days prior to arrival get refund less \$25.00 administrative fee.

#### PET POLICY

- Two (2) dogs/pets per campsite are permitted.
- No pets of any kind are permitted in rental trailers or cabins.
- Pets must be caged or kept on a leash at all times.
- Pets must not be left unattended in the campground when you are sightseeing.
- You must clean up after your pet!

#### RULES FOR CHILDREN

- Children under the age of 16 may not be left alone in the campground at any time, unless they are under the direct supervision of another SSP adult attendee.
- All children under the age of 16 must be at their own campsite after 11:00 PM unless they are observing at a telescope with a parent.
- No bicycle riding in the campground after dark (Applies to adults & children).
- Children must wear helmets when riding bicycles.
- Children under the age of 16 are not permitted in the swimming pool unless supervised by an adult.
- No tree climbing is allowed.

#### OBSERVING FIELD RULES

- No telescope setup in the main observing field after sunset!! If you arrive after 8:00 pm, set up your telescope and equipment before setting up your tent & campsite. All vehicles must be removed from the observing field before dark! No driving allowed after dark!!! No white flashlights allowed, use only red flashlights!! An adult refreshment tent is set up in the observing field which provides coffee and cookies at night and cold lemonade in the afternoon for solar observing.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

#### **DOOR PRIZES**

- Door prizes are drawn on the first Saturday before the Pizza Party. You do not need to be present to win a prize as long as you have registered in advance for SSP, you are eligible to win.

#### **ROCKET BUILDING & LAUNCHING**

- Rocket building kits will be distributed at the Dining Hall at 10:00 AM on the first Sunday. If your child has a rocket that was built in prior years, please bring it with you. We will continue to provide engines and launching equipment.

#### **KID'S PROGRAMS**

- During the ten days of SSP we will offer programs for the younger children. These may include a Scavenger Hunt (with ice cream prizes), 3D constellation models, Planet Walk, Native American Folk-Lore, Build a Planisphere and others. Time, adult availability and number of kids will determine these events. Check the schedule to see when they occur.
- A teenager activity and refreshment tent is provided on the observing field for evening activities of games and cookies.

#### **ADULT ACTIVITIES**

- Check the schedule for lectures, Stellafane day trip, Pro Am swap table, Vendors, Scope Tour of all the telescopes on the observing field & others.

#### **GROUP PHOTO**

- Each year we all get together and have an entire attendee group photo. This photo is then posted to the Rockland Astronomy Club's web site where you may download it for your own. The photo is taken on the first Saturday outside the dining hall right after the Pizza Party.

#### **SPEAKERS & VENDORS**

- Speakers are welcome to talk at SSP. Subjects can be astronomical in nature and can include slide show presentations as well as related software discussions. These talks however are unpaid.
- Vendors are welcome to join us at SSP. You can stay the entire 10 days, weekends or any combination of time. Usually the weekends are the largest amount of people. Setup can be in the observing field. A one time \$100.00 vendor fee on top of club registration fees and campsite fees is required.

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