

Jacqueline Rose Observatory

Public Outings & Observatory Visitors



Below are some points to consider before attending a star party or astronomy event or the observatory. This advisory is designed to improve the enjoyment of you and everyone at the events. Feel free to print a hardcopy and share with others who may attend.

Concerns for Visitors

1. **No reason to have unrealistic expectations: you will not see images like photos published in books. The eye, especially at night, does not see color or detail like a long-term photograph.**
2. **Many obstacles can interfere with successful image viewing: atmosphere, moisture, weather, temperature, equipment, neighbor's lights, etc.**
3. **There are dangers: moving around in the dark, tripping, falling, bumping your head, etc. << Beware**
4. **Nightly Bugs are out for the evening just like you. Wear bug spray – but do NOT apply bug spray around the equipment or other guests. Inside an observatory, temperature & bugs are just like outside... dress accordingly.**
5. **Do NOT shine or even bring white flashlights around the viewing area. Either get adjusted to the dark or bring ONLY red LED lights.**
6. **All equipment is fragile & expensive. Only Dr. Galloway will operate the equipment.**
7. **Do not touch or grab the telescope or optical equipment with your hands. That is, do not grasp the telescope as you look into it - except your eye touching the eyepiece cup is okay.**
8. **If anything is dropped, moved, damaged - please notify Dr. G. immediately. It's no fun to find it later and, of course, accidents do happen.**
9. **The environment should be kept quiet and serious even as we all enjoy the fun and excitement of the sky. Keep off-topic discussion to a minimum.**
10. **Children not under the strictest control for noise, movement, or behavior will be dismissed. Children ages 7 and up are welcome but their attention to astronomy is expected. Dr. & Mrs. Galloway will share in the direction and instruction of children as needed.**
11. **IF MEETING OUTSIDE... Do not shine car headlights into viewing area. Turn headlights OFF and drive SLOW as you approach. Watch for small children and equipment.**
12. **You may be asked to sign a standard liability release form in visiting the JRO.**
13. **If part of an organization or institutional group visitation, a small \$\$ donation is appreciated. Nothing is required at all and you won't be asked.**

Dr. Jerry P. Galloway