



# Programme

## 2016 Spring SSP

October 26 – 31, Night Sky Caravan Farm

### Wednesday, October 26 & Thursday, October 27

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20:00 **Observing** and such.

### Friday, October 28

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18:00 **Meet & Greet** in the [Social Tent](#); introduce yourself to everyone while enjoying a cup of coffee (or tea).

18:30 **Prepare** for the night's observing. **Constellation Exploration (ConEx)** participants, please make sure your telescopes are set up in the special designated area.

#### 19:30 LIGHTS OUT

19:30 If you registered for the **Beginners Programme**, meet with Edward and Lynnette in the [Social Tent](#); don't forget your chair.

Everyone else, join Auke in the [Telescope Area](#) for the **What's Up Tonight**. Remember to bring a chair.

20:30 If you registered for the **Deep-Sky Challenge**, then go at it!  
If you registered for **ConEx**, join Auke in the [Telescope Area](#).  
Everyone else, enjoy the night's observing, socializing, and chilling!

00:00 Beginners Programme for Friday ends.

### Saturday, October 29

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00:30 Round #2 of **Constellation Exploring** in the [Telescope Area](#).

05:00 Get ready for **Sirius B!** (Finder chart in your *SSPassport*.)

08:30 **Beginners Programme** resumes in the [Social Tent](#).

10:30 Tea & coffee in the [Social Tent](#).

11:00 **Speaker:** Prof Herman Steyn (Stellenbosch University)  
*"Space missions from Rosetta to CubeSats"*

12:00 **Short talk:** Dr Pierre de Villiers (ASSA Hermanus)  
*"A novel observatory in the making"*

12:15 **Speaker:** Amar Sharma (Bangalore, India)  
*"Comet hunting and comet hunters"*

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### Saturday, Oct 29, continued

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14:56 **Lucky Draw** – but only if you're in the [Social Tent](#) on time!

15:00 **Speaker:** Martin Lyons (Somerset West)  
*"Caring and obsessing over optics – a layman's perspective"*

15:30 **Short Talk:** Auke Slotegraaf (Centre for Astronomical Heritage)  
*"An update and a call to arms"*

15:45 **Speaker:** Dr Wanda Diaz-Merced (Puerto Rico)  
*"How a blind astronomer found a way to hear the stars"*

16:30 **Group photo** outside the [Social Tent](#).

17:30 **Demonstration:** How to clean eyepieces.

17:45 **World Famous SSP Pub Quiz** in the [Social Tent](#).

19:00 **Instructions** on setting up and using telescopes for newcomers.

19:30 Supper and prepare for the night's observing.

#### 20:15 LIGHTS OUT

20:30 **Beginners Programme** resumes.

20:30 **Constellation Exploration** resumes in the [Telescope Area](#).

20:30 **Deep-Sky Challenge** resumes.

00:00 Beginners Programme ends.

### Sunday, October 30

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03:30 **Deep-Sky Challenge** ends. Find Auke [in the dark](#), with your notes!

09:00 **Tea & coffee** in the [Social Tent](#).

10:00 Farewell until next time!

- 2017 Summer SSP, February 22–27, at Leeuwenboschfontein
- 2017 Spring SSP, October 18–23.

20:00 **Observing**

### Monday, October 31

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10:00 Social Tent will be taken down.

Farewell until next time!