



Programme

2017 Summer SSP

February 22 - 27, Leeuwenboschfonteinrivierberg

Wednesday & Thursday

20:00 **Observing, socializing,** and such.

Friday, February 24

- 18:00 Tea & coffee with rusks in die Social Barn and Meet and Greet. Introduce yourself to everybody in your own time
- 19:30 **All lights out - start to dark adapt** - (Civil twilight ends 19:47)
- 19:30 Beginners join Edward and Lynnette at the telescopes - Remember your chairs! (Sunset at 19:21)
- 20:00 Messier Marathon participants - discussion with Deon Begemann
- 20:00 What's Up Tonight (Nautical twilight ends 20:17 & Astronomical twilight ends 20:48)
- 21:00 Constellation Explorers set up with Auke
- 23:59 Beginners programme for Friday ends

Saturday, February 25

- 08:00 Tea/Coffee in the Social Barn for the early birds!
- 08:30 Beginners Discussion in the Social Barn
- 09:30 Demonstration: Instructions on setting up and using their telescopes for newcomers/beginners (Ed Foster)
- 10:30 Tea & Coffee in the Social Barn
- 11:00 **Lorenzo Raynard** - Manager: Science Communication at Square Kilometre Array (SKA)
- 12:00 Light the fires - free time to get ready for the big braai!
- 12:45 Braai
- 14:20 Lucky Draw - but only if you are seated
- 14:30 **Jim Adams** - NASA Deputy Chief Technologist (ret.)
- 15:30 Short Talk: Auke Slotegraaf (Centre for Astronomical Heritage)
- 16:00 Tea/Coffee in the Social Barn

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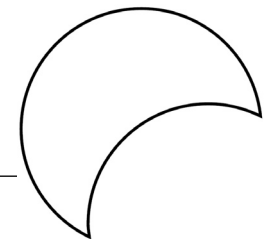


Saturday, Feb 25, continued

- 16:30 Group photo on the grass in front of De Oude Opstal
- 17:00 World Famous SSP Pub Quiz
- 18:30 Supper
- 19:30 **All lights out - start to dark adapt** - (Sunset at 19:20, Civil twilight ends 19:46)
- 19:30 Beginners join Ed and Lynnette at the telescopes, Recap on Friday - Remember your chairs!
- 20:00 Beginners with Ed and Lynnette. practice finding constellations & objects using star charts. Newcomers with new telescopes assisted to find goodies with their own telescopes.
- 20:00 Constellation Exploration, Part II with Auke (Nautical twilight ends 20:16, Astronomical twilight ends 20:47)
- 20:00 Messier Marathon starts with Deon Begemann
- 23:59 Beginners programme for Saturday ends

Sunday, February 26

- 04:00 Messier Marathon ends - Find Deon in the dark, with your notes!
- 09:00 Tea/coffee in the Social Barn
- 10:00 Presentation of certificates (if any)
Farewell until next time! (2017 Spring SSP, October 18 - 23).
- 11:00 Socialize and observe on your own in the evening
- 17:01 Start of the partial solar eclipse (altitude 27°)
- 18:00 Maximum eclipse (altitude 15°)
- 18:55 End of eclipse (altitude 04°)



Monday, February 27

Good bye & farewell until next time!