



2017 Spring Southern Star Party

2017 October 18–23, Leeuwenboschfontein, South Africa

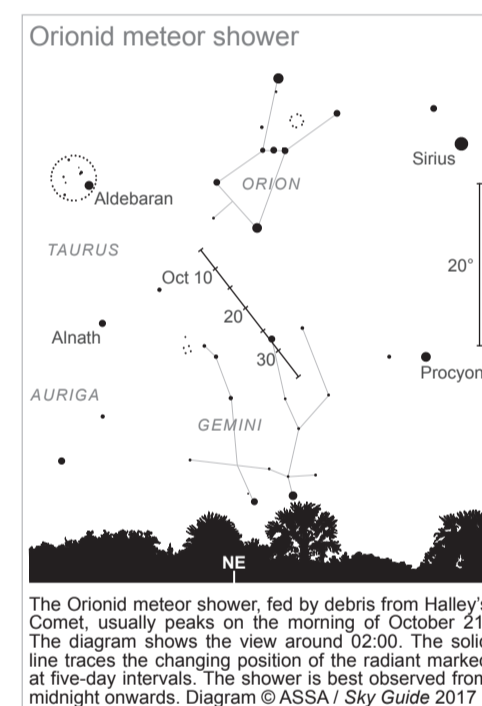


Friday, October 20

- 18:00 **Meet & Greet** in the Social Barn
- 19:30 **All lights out** – start to dark adapt
- 19:30 **View** Saturn, Neptune and the Moon (Telescope Area; everyone welcome)
- 20:00 **La Caille Marathon** meets in the Social Barn (with Deon Begemann; registered peeps)
- 20:00 – 22:00 **What's Up Tonight (with Telescopes)** (Telescope Area; everyone welcome)
- 22:15 – 23:00 **Beginners Q&A** (with Edward and Lynnette Foster; registered peeps)
- 23:15 – dawn **Orionid Meteor Watch Team** meets in the Social Barn (with Auke Slotegraaf; registered peeps)

Saturday, October 21

- 05:51 Sunrise
- 08:00 Tea & coffee with rusks in the Social Barn for the early birds!
- 08:30 **Beginners** discussion about star maps and Star Wheels (Social Barn; registered peeps)
- 10:00 Tea & coffee in the Social Barn
- 10:30 **Michael Wolfson: Building an Ultra-Light Dobsonian Telescope**
- 11:15 **Anton Binneman: SKA Facts & Fiction**
- 12:00 Get ready for the braai (take food, chairs etc. up to the lapa)
- 12:30 Lekker braai in die lapa
- 14:30 **Pierre de Villiers: Astronomy Outreach Ideas**
- 15:00 **Michelle Cluver: How will HI-vision change the way we see our Universe?**
- Focus on deep-sky observing:**
 - Deon Begemann – La Caille
 - Corne van Dyk – A personal perspective
 - Pierre de Villiers – Sketching while observing
 - Auke Slotegraaf – Concluding thoughts
- 15:45
- 16:00
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- 16:30
- 16:45 **Group photo** on the lawn in front of De Oude Opstal (everyone, please!)
- 19:30 **All lights out** – start to dark adapt
- 19:30 **La Caille Marathon, Part 2** (with Deon Begemann; registered peeps)
- 20:00 – 22:00 **What's Up Tonight (with Telescopes). Part II.** (Telescope Area; everyone welcome)
- 22:15 – 23:59 **Beginners Q&A** and practical exercise with star charts (with Edward and Lynnette Foster)
- 23:30 – dawn **Orionid Meteor Watch Team** (with Auke Slotegraaf; registered peeps)



Sunday, October 22

- 04:00 **La Caille Marathon** ends
- 05:50 Sunrise
- 09:00 Tea & coffee with rusks in the Social Barn for the early birds!
- 10:00 Award presentations and farewells until next time! (2018 Autumn SSP, March 14–19)
- 11:00 Chill out
- 19:30 **All lights out** – start to dark adapt

Monday, October 23

- 10:00 Goodbye Leeuwenboschfontein, until next year!