



Programme

18th Southern Star Party 19-24 February 2020

See you in the Social Barn on arrival



WEDNESDAY	Observe on your own or with friends - No official programme. Please, no fires to be lit after 16:30!
THURSDAY	Observe on your own or with friends - No official programme. Please, no fires to be lit after 16:30!
FRIDAY	
18:00	A very warm welcome to the 18th SSP. Coffee/tea in the Social Barn and Meet and Greet. Introduce yourself to everybody in your own time. Please remember, no fires to be lit after 16:30 during the SSP!
19:30	All external lights out and all doors and windows facing the telescope area masked
19:30 - 20:30	Short presentations in the Social Barn on "what are you going to do tonight?". This will not be repeated again on Saturday, so please ask if you need help or more information. * "SpaceKaart (part 1)" with Auke Slotegraaf. Selected objects to be observed during the SSP * "Astrophotography" with Paul Grapendaal. Objects suggested for photographing during this SSP
20:45 - 21:15	"What's Up Tonight" with Auke Slotegraaf (Telescope area, all welcome)
21:15 - 21:30	Coffee/tea in the Social Barn
21:30	Observe on your own or with friends (Telescope area)
SATURDAY	
06:20	Sunrise
08:00	Coffee/tea in the Social Barn for the early birds
08:00 - 09:00	Beginners' Discussion with Edward Foster about Star Maps and Star Wheels in the Social Barn
10:00	Speaker #1 - Prof Vaccari and Dr Marchetti - Big Data, Artificial Intelligence & Citizen Science : The Radio Galaxy Zoo
11:00	Speaker #2 - Prof Patrick Woudt - Astrophysical Transients with MeerKAT and MeerLICHT
12:00 - 15:45	BRAAI IN THE LAPA (get all your stuff there, chairs, table, braai grids and food)
16:00	GROUP PHOTO on the lawn in front of De Oude Opstal. We would like everyone to please be there!
16:30 - 17:45	CHAT TABLES in the Social Barn 1. Prof Woudt 2. Prof Vaccari and Dr Marchetti 3. Cell phone apps 4. Astrophotography 5. Cleaning your optics
16:30 - 19:00	T-shirt painting in the Social Barn. Please supply your own black or navy T-shirt!
17:45	Supper, plan your observing for tonight
19:30	All external lights out and all doors and windows facing the telescope area masked
19:50	Start to seriously dark adapt
20:30 - 21:00	"What's Up Tonight" with Auke Slotegraaf. (Telescope area, all welcome)
21:15 - 21:30	Coffee/tea in the Social Barn
21:30 - 24:00	"SpaceKaart (part 2)" with Auke Slotegraaf
21:30 - 24:00	Beginners - Q&A and practical exercise with star charts (with Edward and Lynnette)
00:00	Observe on your own or with friends (Telescope area)
SUNDAY	
06:20	Sunrise
08:00	Coffee/tea in the Social Barn for the early birds
09:00 - 15:00	General packing up, goodbyes and departures. See you all at the next SSP!
15:00 - 18:00	Chill out, catch a nap, have supper
19:30	All lights out - start to dark adapt to observe on your own or with friends
MONDAY	Goodbye Leeuwenboschfontein till next time. Thank you all for your participation!
2020	SSP'19 in October: Date still to be confirmed