

# White Sands Star Party XI

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Camping area is open at Noon.

Noon-4:00 p.m.... Those not pre-registered can do so at the Tombaugh IMAX<sup>®</sup> Dome Theater.

No registrations will be taken at White Sands National Monument.

12:00-6:00 p.m..... Pre-registrants can pick up packets and check in at the WSNM Visitor's Center.

7:00 p.m. .... Entrance to White Sands closes. After 7:00pm, there will be NO OPEN ENTRANCE TO THE PARK.

6:00 p.m. .... Mandatory astronomers' briefing.. All registered participants are expected to attend.

6:15 p.m. .... White Sands Star Party XI Welcome: White Sands National Monument Staff.

6:20 p.m. .... Dr. Vikram Alladi from Los Alamos will speak on Dark Matter.

8:00 p.m. .... Park closes to general public. No exit from park between 8:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. .... Lights out! Observing session begins for registered participants only..

11:30 p.m. .... Non-camping star party participants assemble for exit from park at midnight. Park closes for non-camping star party participants. There is no exit from park until 7 a.m. except in case of emergency.

### Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Dawn 'til Gone...Free Coffee and Goodies at Host Table provided by The Alamogordo Astronomy Club.**

8:00 a.m.-Noon ... Late registration: Tombaugh IMAX<sup>®</sup> Dome Theater, N.M. Museum of Space History.

No registrations can be taken at White Sands National Monument.

11am to 5pm..... IMAX Movie shown every hour (see handout for specific titles): Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater.

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mini Workshops presented at Monument Headquarters Main Meeting Room.

Subjects to be determined. Schedule will be passed out with packets.

5:00 p.m. .... Children's astronomy activities at Viewing Field. Open to the public.

5:30 p.m. .... Pizza party. Free to registered star party participants. Door prize drawings at this event. Must be present to win.

6:30p.m. .... Red cellophane filter and observing list handed out at public entry point.

7:00 p.m. .... "Star Party Etiquette," A general presentation for the public. Amphitheater.

7:15-7:45 p.m. .... Guest Speaker: Amphitheater TBD. General public invited to attend.

8:00-8:30 p.m. .... "Tour of the Night Sky" constellation talk by John Pijawka . Amphitheater.

8:45 p.m. .... Observing session begins. This session is open to the public.

11:00 p.m. .... Park closes to general public.

11:30 p.m. .... Non-camping participants assemble at gate for exit from park.

Midnight. .... Park closes for all non-camping Star Party participants. No exit from park until 7:00 a.m.

### Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Dawn 'til Gone...Free Coffee and Goodies at Host Table Provided by The Alamogordo Astronomy Club.**

Club members may have their scopes set up for solar viewing during the morning on Sunday. Participants are welcome to enjoy the Monument until 8:00 p.m.; however; there will be no security provided. The N.M. Museum of Space History closes at 5 p.m. White Sands National Monument entrance closes at 7:00 p.m.; exit closes at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

**THERE WILL BE NO CAMPING SUNDAY NIGHT.**

**NOTE: Donation of Breakfast Items such as Burritos, Fruit, Rolls, Juice, etc., would be greatly appreciated.**