

OSP First Observing List

This list is intended to introduce newcomers to OSP. Items include views of day and night sky object types through multiple instruments, introduction to services and amenities at the event, experiencing speaker events, and meeting some of the people that help make it all happen.

Don't have a telescope or binoculars? Don't worry! There are mentoring sessions you can sign up for Wed-Fri nights (that's one of the items!). There is also Bernie's telescope park where you can use the mentoring telescopes first-come, first-served after mentoring sessions are complete around 11:30 (check with the information tent to confirm). Many folks tend to enjoy sharing views through their equipment as well, so that's another option – but do ask politely, and understand they could be concentrating on a different specific activity at the moment.

This year, the committee is planning unique signage for folks that are interested in sharing views to support this (or in general). Check at the information tent for what these signs or lights look like, and how availability will be indicated.

To get your pin, you will need to accomplish at least 9 of the 11 tasks, and must include items 10 and 11. Observed items should be described sufficiently to identify what you saw, and also sketched/drawn if that's a listed criteria. Sketch can be as simple or complex as you like... idea is to capture what you see. It may surprise you how much more you may take in by observing with the objective of capturing with a sketch.

When finished, bring your record of observations to the Observing Program table next to the Information Tent to receive your pin. *Please check the information tent for updates on when the Observing Program table will be staffed, and where it is going to be for the next session. Typically it will be manned later in the afternoon.*

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#	Object/Item	Description	What to Record	Your Record
1	Telescope Mentoring	Attend a mentoring session as an individual or in a small group	Date & Time of session and name of Mentor	
2	Planet(s) Complete one or both	View one or more planets in our solar system	Name of Planet & approximate magnification	2026: Saturn easiest (and most rewarding) option during several hours later for best view)
		View one or more moons of a planet in our solar system	Name of Planet and number of Moons seen & approximate magnification	
3	Fuzzies Complete one or more	Observe and draw a Nebula	Name, sketch, and description of Nebula	
		Observe and draw a Galaxy	Name, sketch, and description of Galaxy	
		Observe and draw a Star Cluster	Name, sketch, and description of Star Cluster	
4	Stars Complete one or both	Learn and identify three or more constellations	Names of constellations	
		Observe two or more Double Stars	Names of constellations where Double Stars were observed, descriptions, and names of if known	
5	Sol	View the Sun through a solar telescope or a projection setup. (If available, a solar telescope with H alpha filter will show more detail.) WARNING - DANGER this must ONLY be done through equipment specifically intended for safe viewing of the Sun, with someone who understands how to set up the equipment and do so safely. Do not look at the Sun through any equipment unless you are certain this is the case. If any doubt, don't look - the stakes are too high. It will permanently damage your eyes.	Type of Telescope and Filter and the number of Sunspots. What did it look like?	
6	Youth Activities	Attend an activity (youth). Introduce yourself and meet youth tent coordinator (adult).	Describe activity or signature of coordinator	
7	Speaker Event Complete one or both	Attend two or more of the talks listed in the Speakers Schedule	List the talk and something new you learned	
		Attend the telescope walkabout, introduce yourself and meet a telescope maker	Signature of telescope maker	
8	Telescopes Complete one or more	Observe an object in a small telescope.	Size of scope, eyepiece, and object(s)	
		Observe an object in a large telescope. Describe the most unique scope you saw at the party.	Size of scope, eyepiece, and object(s) Describe the telescope and get autograph of the owner	
		Introduce yourself and meet an astrophotographer during the daytime.	Describe equipment	
9	Wish List	Describe the type of observing equipment you would like to own	List of equipment you would like	
10	First Aid	Introduce yourself and meet a First Aid Volunteer (red vest)	Signature of First Aid person	
11	Director Signature	Introduce yourself and meet one of the OSP Directors	Signature of OSP director	