

To Celebrate, Promote and Protect the Glorious Dark Skies of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition PRESENTS:

Celebration of the Night Sept. 3 - Oct. 15, 2021

FEATURING: Sips & Savors Under the Stars: An Evening of Storytelling and Stargazing Sept 23, 2021

> PLUS Flagstaff Star Party Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2021

Flagstaff, the First International Dark-Sky City, is preparing to share its rare and precious starry nights with the world! **The 2021 Celebration of the Night** will mark a season of awareness, appreciation and awe with NightVisions Satellite art exhibits, science activities, storytelling, telescope viewing, workshops, virtual and in-person astronomical presentations, neighborhood star parties, concerts, and literary and dance performances.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition will host an exclusive, uniquely Flagstaff fundraising event, *Sips & Savors Under the Stars*, featuring a special presentation, silent auction and stargazing under Flagstaff's remarkable night skies!

One of the Celebration's signature events is the Flagstaff Star Party, **the most accessible Star Party in the world!** Centrally located at Buffalo Park, the popular FREE event is scheduled to continue the in-person Flagstaff Star Party tradition, offering astronomical presentations and informative workshops anchored by three nights of telescope viewing as knowledgeable professional and amateur astronomers host dozens of telescopes and lead activities like binocular circles and constellation tours.

Thursday, Sept. 23 5 p.m. Sips and Savors Under the Stars Dinner/Entertainment Arizona Nordic Village TICKETS Available **Thursday, Sept. 30** 6 p.m. Sunset Talk 6:45 p.m. Twilight Talk 7 p.m. Telescope Viewing Buffalo Park FREE **Friday, Oct. 1** 6 p.m. Sunset Talk 6:45 p.m. Twilight Talk 7 p.m. Telescope Viewing Buffalo Park FREE

Saturday, Oct. 2

6 p.m. Outdoor Concert: Flagstaff Dark Sky Quartet 7 p.m. Telescope Viewing Buffalo Park FREE

Featured Presenters

Astronomer and Musician David Koerner • Asteroid Discoverer Brian Skiff • Planetary Scientist Ryan Anderson Night Sky Photo-Journalist Stan Honda • Flagstaff Dark Sky Quartet



Photo: Pacman Nebula by Theresa Hentz, NightVisions VI

Supergiant Level (sponsorship of \$5,000 and above)

These superstars are the Celebration of the Night and Flagstaff Star Party's elite headlining sponsors, whose names and logos appear prominently on all informational, educational and promotional material and on the Star Party's title banner at Buffalo Park. They may introduce a Twilight Talk, have a speaking role at the VIP Luncheon and present at Sips & Savors Under the Stars! Supergiant Sponsors are featured in Flagstaff Business News as a "Flagstaff Dark Skies Champion," a monthly column that recognizes businesses and individuals for their commitment to the environment where they do business, live or play. In addition, they are named as a sponsor of our popular "Dark Sky Moment," a one-minute educational radio program aired four times daily on KAFF Country and KAFF Legends for a month. Supergiant Sponsors also receive:

- Name and logo inside the Flagstaff Star Party Warm Welcome Tent (Sept. 30 Oct. 2)
- 10' x 10' space for onsite company promotion at Buffalo Park, with approved lighting
- Name, logo and link on the Celebration of the Night website, FlagstaffDarkSkies.org
- Recognition on social media
- Inclusion on all local and statewide news releases
- Four tickets to Sips & Savors Under the Stars
- Six tickets to the VIP Shining Star Luncheon
- Mini Star Party at home or business in the Flagstaff area!

Hercules Level (sponsorship of \$2,000 and above)

The Constellation Hercules is home to one of the largest known planets, TrES-4, which is 70% larger than Jupiter! Like Hercules the constellation, Hercules the mythological god is a symbol of strength and greatness. Hercules sponsors have a strong connection and commitment to their community, leaving a legacy as a champion for Flagstaff's precious dark skies. Hercules Sponsors may introduce a Twilight Talk, have a speaking role at the VIP Luncheon and have their names and logos on all Flagstaff Star Party informational, educational and promotional material. In addition, they are recognized as a "Flagstaff Dark Skies Champion" in a Flagstaff Business News column and named as a sponsor of our popular "Dark Sky Moment," a one-minute educational radio program aired four times daily on KAFF Country and KAFF Legends for a month. Hercules Sponsors also receive:

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- Four tickets to Sips & Savors Under the Stars
- Four tickets to the VIP Shining Star Luncheon

Pluto Level (sponsorship of \$1,000)

Flagstaff's beloved Pluto will always be a "true planet" in the hearts of locals. As Pluto has its important place in our galaxy, Pluto Sponsors create community in Flagstaff and build a solid structure where others live, work and play. As such, their names and logos appear on all Flagstaff Star Party materials. They are featured in Flagstaff Business News as a "Flagstaff Dark Skies Champion" recognized for their company commitment to the environment where they do business, and named as a sponsor of our popular "Dark Sky Moment," a one-minute educational radio program aired four times daily on KAFF Country and KAFF Legends for a month. Pluto Sponsors also receive:

- Name and logo inside the Flagstaff Star Party Warm Welcome tent (Sept. 30 Oct. 2)
- Name, logo and link on the Celebration of the Night website, FlagstaffDarkSkies.org
- Recognition on social media
- Two tickets to Sips & Savors Under the Stars
- Two tickets to the VIP Shining Star Luncheon

Ceres Level (sponsorship of \$500)

Ceres is the largest asteroid, a third the mass of the entire Asteroid Belt. It is so large that it has earned the title of "Dwarf Planet," as it is such a bright standout in a sea of twinkling lights. Ceres Sponsors have their names on all Flagstaff Star Party materials. Ceres Sponsors also receive:

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- Two tickets to the VIP Shining Star Luncheon

Lunar Level (sponsorship of \$250)

The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite and has been the focus of dreams, myths, seasons and space exploration. This reliable partner is tidally locked with the Earth and continues to inspire artists and scientists. Lunar Sponsors have their names on all Flagstaff Star Party materials. Lunar Sponsors also receive:

- Name, logo and link on the Celebration of the Night website, FlagstaffDarkSkies.org
- Two tickets to the VIP Shining Star Luncheon

Morning Star Incentive: A pledge of \$1,000 or more by July 15, 2020 entitles sponsors to a FREE MINI STAR PARTY at their office or private home!



Please make checks out to: **Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition Mail to:** Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition c/o Chris Luginbuhl 12390 N Copeland Lane Flagstaff, AZ 86004

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PLEASE NOTE: The Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition (FDSC) is preparing for the 2021 Celebration of the Night, the Flagstaff Star Party and all associated events in anticipation of social distancing and other public safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), governmental entities and participating businesses and sponsors. Organizers plan to follow appropriate CDC guidelines and will be sanitizing facilities and equipment as recommended. At this time, the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition is confident most events will not be hindered; however, should there be a need to cancel or alter any activities, FDSC members will communicate changes through the local news media, the FDSC and Celebration of the Night websites and social media platforms. In any case, our public educational information efforts about the value and wonder of Flagstaff's Dark Skies will continue, along with recognition of our Dark Skies Champions – our generous sponsors who help residents and visitors become more aware of this precious, uniquely Flagstaff resource and support efforts to maintain our extraordinary window into the Universe.