

Tacoma Astronomical Society

2008-2009 Public Night Schedule



October 1st through March 31st
7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

April 1st through September 30th
9:00 PM – Midnight

P.O. Box 8881 Tacoma, WA 98419
www.tas-online.org

The Tacoma Astronomical Society hosts free public viewing sessions each month at Pierce College ** near Fort Steilacoom. Indoor lectures, demonstrations and workshops are available at public nights regardless of the weather. On nights with clear skies TAS volunteers provide telescopic observations on the moon, planets, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, double stars and more. Each season boasts something new and exciting for our frequent guests. There is *no charge* for public programs, of course donations are gladly accepted. Donations are used to further public education, our student group and new program offerings. Public programs vary each month and are targeted to audiences of diverse ages and abilities. Our interactive programs include hands-on activities or demonstrations that further illustrate the monthly topic.

**planned construction at Pierce may necessitate room changes. Please follow TAS Public Night signs to the correct location and check our website for updates and special notices. Currently we are scheduled for the Olympic Building just off the North Parking lot.

2008

Date	Program	Presenter
September 6	Star hopping and Planispheres	TAS Students
September 27	Milky Way	Chad Ellington
October 4	Stories in the Sky	Alice Few
October 25	Trick or Treat	Ken Board
November 1	Telescopes, Binoculars & Great Gifts For Astronomers	TAS Club members
November 29	The Moon	Ken Slavens
December 13	The Sun	Joe Witherspoon
December 20	The Christmas Star	Ray Stinson

2009

January 17	Telescopes 101 (for beginners and new scope owners)	Dave Armstrong and club members
January 24	The Solar System	TAS Students
February 7	110 Celestial Objects	Matt Flood
February 21	Comets	Alice Few
March 21	Reason for the Seasons	Arthur Hixson
March 28	Ancient Astronomy	Alice Few
April 18	Scale of the Solar System	Joe Witherspoon
April 25	Binocular Astronomy	John Finnan
May 16	Space Exploration	John Pettit
May 30	The Earth	Joe Witherspoon
June 13	Essential Astronomy	Jim Pletsch
June 20	Asteroids	Chad Ellington
July 11	Why We Can't See What Hubble Sees	Charles Jacobson
August 8	Aurora	Ray Stinson

August 22' 2009 Astronomy Fair VI Midday to Midnight (check website for location)

Services and TAS Volunteers

Membership and club information is available from the program presenter or club host. The Program Presenter, Public Night Staff and Telescope Operators are all Tacoma Astronomical Society Volunteers. TAS Volunteers are available throughout the evening to answer questions and discuss all aspects of astronomy with our guests.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact our outreach committee at outreach@tas-online.org

Directions



From I-5 - Gravelly Lake exit

- Follow I-5 to Gravelly Lake Exit 124. (Note: There are directional signs to the college)
- From north-bound I-5: turn left and go over the freeway. From south-bound I-5: turn right.
- At the second light (island with large "Welcome to Lakewood" sign), go left onto Gravelly Lake Drive.
- At the second light, turn left on Washington Blvd. (Note: Washington Blvd. will turn into Military Road).
- At the third light, turn right on 112th St. S. W.
- Take the first left (one-half block) onto Farwest Drive.
- Continue on Farwest Drive until you see Pierce College on the right.

From I-5 - 72nd St exit

- Follow I-5 to 72nd Street Exit 129
- Turn right onto 74th; proceed on 74th, crossing South Tacoma Way and Lakewood Drive.
- 74th turns into Custer Road and crosses Bridgeport Way; stay in the right lane.
- Turn right on 88th St. S.W. which after two or three blocks becomes Steilacoom Blvd.
- Proceed on Steilacoom past the Oakbrook shopping malls, the light at 83rd Avenue and the Western State Hospital complex.
- Turn left at the light on Farwest Drive (the street is called Farwest on the left, Sentinel on the right).
- Drive up the hill and enter the campus on your left at the main entrance by the reader board sign.