



Tacoma Astronomical Society Student Schedule

2009 - 2010

Pierce College, Ft. Steilacoom - Olympic Building**
and
W.M. Keck Observatory, Pacific Lutheran University

Student Meetings

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Observing Sessions

October – April: 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

May – September: 9:00pm – midnight

**due to construction locations may change

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TAS proud of its student program! Along with our regular monthly meetings the students plan field trips, star-parties, special viewing events, debates and social events. Any student may visit one of our meetings for free to see if the TAS student program is a match for them. The Student Meetings are held every fourth Friday unless otherwise posted below. Student Meetings consist of; scheduled program, snack time, monthly viewing tips, Astro-Jeopardy quiz question and time set aside long-term projects.

If the weather is poor on an observing night we will have plenty of games and activities offered inside. Student Observing Nights are appropriate for all ages and you do not need to have equipment to participate.

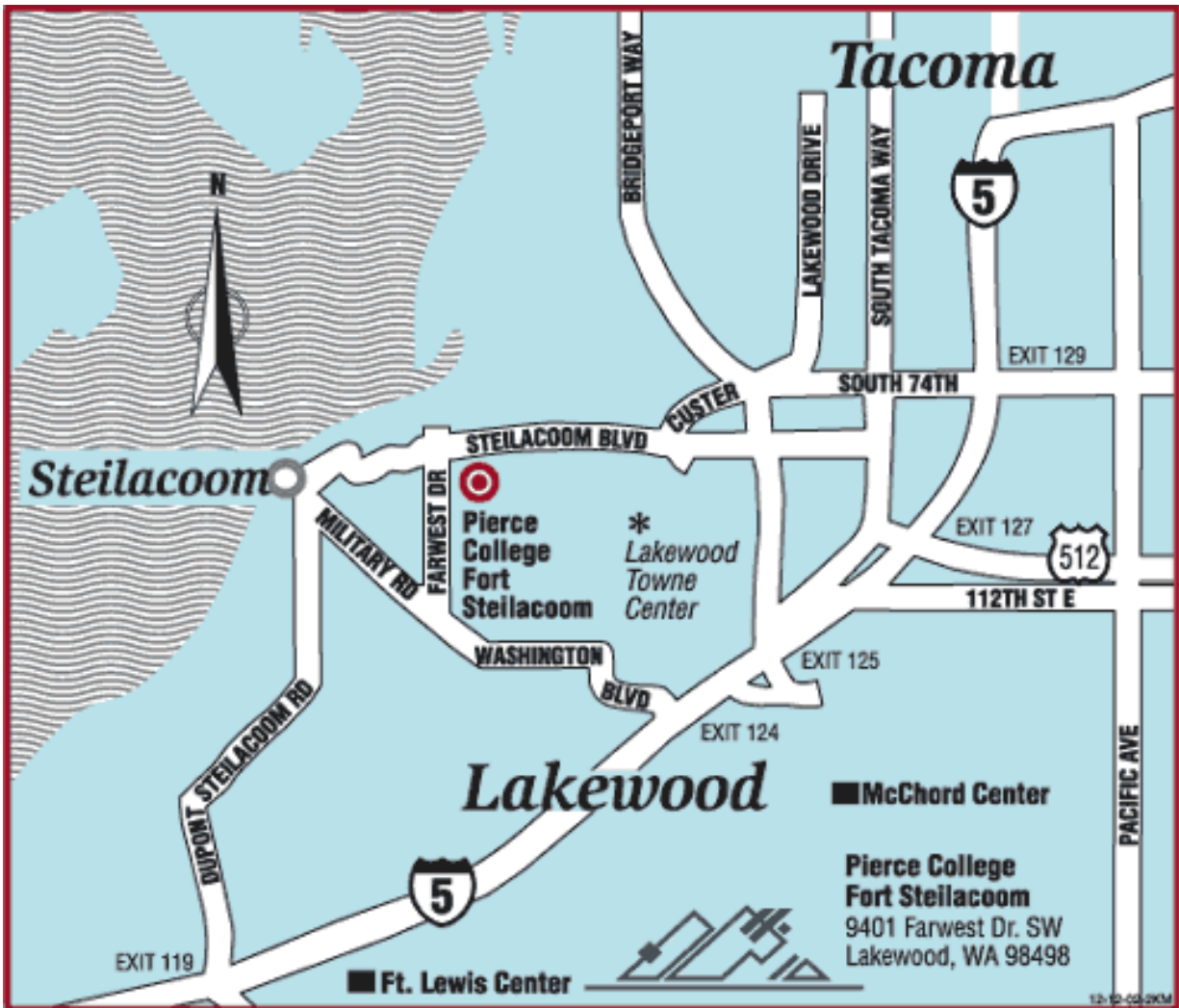
2009			
All meetings are at 7:00 pm in the Olympic Building unless otherwise noted			
Date	Type	Location	Activity
September 25	Party / Meeting	Pierce	Meet and Greet! New Student Welcome Party! Planispheres, astronomical software and the MicroObservatory Project
October 16	Observing	Keck	New Moon -1
October 23	Meeting	Pierce	Halloween Surprise, LED Pumpkin Contest, Bad Astronomy
November 13	Observing	Keck	Waning Crescent –New Moon -3
November 20	Meeting	Pierce	Final Jeopardy
December 11	Observing	Pierce	Waning Crescent –Last Quarter +2
December 19	Party	TBA	Annual Student Year End Party!
2010			
January 15	Observing	Pierce	New Moon
January 22	Meeting	Pierce	The Planets; Demystifying the Solar System
February 12-13	Observing	TBA	Annual Messier Marathon Weekend 1
February 26	Meeting	Pierce	The Moon; More than just a hunk of Rock
March 12-14	Star Party	TBA	Annual Messier Marathon Weekend 2
March 26	Meeting	Pierce	The Life of Stars from Birth to Death
April 16	Observing	TBA	New Moon +2
April 23	Meeting	Pierce	Galaxies; Spirals, Ellipticals, Irregulars, oh my!
May 14	Observing	TBA	New Moon
May 21	Meeting	Pierce	The Great Debate!
June 11	Observing	TBA	New Moon -1
June 25	Meeting	Pierce	Fun with Physics
July 8-11	Star Party	TBA	Star Party
August 28, 2010 TAS Student Potluck and Astronomy Fair VII - Noon to Midnight			

Student can be member of both TAS and the TAS Student Program with a single membership. Membership includes the opportunity for discounts on Sky and Telescope or Astronomy magazine and check-out privileges for TAS equipment.

TAS Volunteers

Materials and resources are made available from membership fees and donations! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact our student program at student@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.