

# FREE STAR AND METEOR PARTY

## Pine Bluff Observatory

Sunday, August 12, 2012

(Rain/Cloud Date August 19)

7–10 p.m.



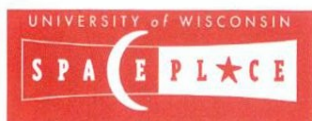
View the stars! Watch for meteors! Tour the observatory and grounds of western Dane County's iconic Pine Bluff Observatory! Learn about Observatory Woods from UW Arboretum staff!

Enjoy an evening of family fun as UW–Madison's Department of Astronomy, Department of Physics, UW Space Place, and the UW Arboretum host a star and meteor party on the grounds of the historic astronomical observatory. This informal event is scheduled during the peak of the Perseid meteor shower—a prolific annual display of meteors associated with the comet Swift-Tuttle.

Arboretum staff will share information on Observatory Woods, a 15-acre tract adjacent to the observatory.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available but limited. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for meteor watching.

Pine Bluff Observatory is located at 4065 Observatory Road in the Town of Cross Plains. In the event of rain or cloudy weather, the event will be held August 19. For information and updates, look under "Special Events" at the UW Space Place website, [www.spaceplace.org](http://www.spaceplace.org), or call 608-262-4779 on the day of the event.



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