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It's in the stars



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The Rancocas Nature Center

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Spend your Friday looking at the stars.

With the help of the Willingboro Astronomical Club, Rancocas Nature Center is hosting its first ever Star Party.

The Rancocas Nature Center sits on a 210-acre area in Rancocas State Park, and features 3 miles of hiking trails through varied habitats including meadows, forest, and wetlands, and has been operating since 1977. The center has been providing environmental education for the surrounding community, presenting programs both on and off-site for groups including schools, scouts, libraries, senior citizens, as well as the general public.

Now, with the help of the astronomical club, the Rancocas Nature Center will assemble an array of telescopes and other optics, and guide the novice and more experienced observers through the summer night sky for the Friends of Rancocas Nature Center Star Party.

Participants can arrive at the center, 794 Rancocas Road in Westampton, around 7:30 p.m. All participants are encouraged to bring their own flashlights, lawn chairs, and binoculars.

Pre-registration is required for this program. For members, the program is \$10 per person or \$25 per family (with a limit of five people). For nonmembers, it is \$15 per person or \$36 for family of five or less. Call 609-261-2491.

Rain date for the star party is Aug. 21.

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