The goal of the Stargaze is to give you the opportunity to view the heavens firsthand with the help of experienced instructors. You will learn some constellations, look at stars through a small telescope (8-inch, a typical telescope bought by amateurs), and look at fainter celestial objects through a larger research telescope (20-inch). BGSU is one of a few Universities to have a large telescope on campus, within easy reach of its students. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity!

Notice -- the things you see won't be as beautifully dramatic as the color pictures in your textbook. Those are long exposure photographs taken with large telescopes at the best observing sites in the world. What you will see is light that has traveled huge distances across empty space, captured by your very own eyes. I find it awe-inspiring!

Stargazes begin at the following times:

August 31 – December 10

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<td>Sunday</td>
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EXCEPT no sessions on:

- Sun Sep 6 & Mon Sep 7 (Labor Day)
- Sun Oct 11, Mon Oct 12 & Tue Oct 13 (Fall Break),
- Wed Nov 11 (Veterans Day)
- Tue Nov 24, Wed Nov 25, Thu Nov 26 & Sun Nov 29 (Thanksgiving).

1. We encourage you to make your stargaze visit early in the semester. Many sessions (two out of three) are lost to bad weather, especially after mid-October. Do not wait until the end, or you may get closed out by bad weather or have long waits due to large crowds. Plan ahead! Go early!

2. Stargaze sessions are held in the Observatory area on the roof of the Physical Sciences Laboratory Building (PSLB). Enter the building at the west door, next to the Planetarium. Wait near the elevator on the ground floor. Do not use the stairs, as the rooftop doors are locked. You will be escorted to the Observatory in a group as near as possible to the scheduled time.

3. Each session lasts 45 - 60 minutes. The maximum size of a group is 20 people on a first-come, first-served basis. Everyone who shows up on time will served, but you may have a long wait if the turnout is large and we have to run extra 20-person sessions. A sign-up sheet is put out in the planetarium lobby about one hour before the first scheduled stargaze. You may wait in the Planetarium lobby or leave and return about 10 minutes before your session is scheduled to start.

4. There is no late admission. If you miss the departure of a group, you must wait until the next scheduled time. There are no exceptions and there is no other access to the Observatory.

5. Look at the sky before you come. Sessions are held only when the sky is clear and free of clouds. If it's cloudy, partly cloudy, too hazy, foggy, raining, or snowing, the sessions must be canceled. If you live out of town or sky conditions look ambiguous to you, you can call 419-372-8831 for a recorded message telling whether the sessions will be held or canceled. The message is set one hour before the first scheduled session, so please do not call earlier than that, or you may get the previous message.

6. Bring your student ID card. This is how you get the points credited to your grade!

7. Dress warmly. The roof is usually colder and windier than the ground.

8. No smoking, food, or beverages on the roof. Turn off cell phones. Observing Under the Influence (OUI) is not permitted. The student telescope operators have full disciplinary authority if necessary.