

Re: Telescope recommendation for under \$1000

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Thanks a lot for all of your advice, I have been reading around and my conclusion and intention have changed thanks to the replies to this thread and what I've read in others:

1. Start with something not as big (say LX90 will be overkill for a first telescope), and learn.
2. Forget about astrophotography for the time being, getting into that is much more than just attaching the camera.
3. Get some books and get information to learn a bit about the sky, having a GOTO system is in no way a replacement of at least some basic knowledge.
4. The watching experience will definitely get improved along the gaining of knowledge of the sky.
5. If I can find a star party, I definitely should go for it before making any purchase.
6. And this is my personal tradeoff, get something small/medium to start with, but not so small that I myself will be willing to change in a few months (I must consider the possibility that my daughter will not be hooked into this hobby, and I want to get something considering that, i.e. it will be just for me), from others recommendations, it seems to me that a good compromise would be the NexStar 5i.

Thanks a lot, and a small digression: the Internet is really a wonderful tool to share knowledge worldwide, it is just amazing, and no less than finding people who are willing to share their knowledge/experience.