

Re: What Do You Bring to Star Parties

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The difference between a dark-sky camping trip and a(n overnight) star party are the other people.

So the extra stuff I bring are things that I can hand out to other folks. I print up extra star charts, planet finders (Uranus on out), and usually bring an extra copy of "The Stars" by H. A. Rey. there's almost always one group of awestruck newcomers that ask, "How do I start, what books..." etc. If they seem serious about starting up, I'll give them a book and advise them to get some decent binoculars, tripod mount, and a tripod, and to learn the constellations.

They can work out telescopes when they know more and are able to make decisions on their own. In the meantime, they've spent very little money, and the equipment can be used for other great views, too.

"John Nichols" <bejay@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
Let's go beyond the obvious and the general, which I'd think would be your scope, a star chart, and a chair.

When you attend a star party, what do you bring? Does it depend on which party you're attending, i.e. distance you have to travel?

Does what you bring vary? Why?

How is what you bring to a star party different from what you bring to a dark sky site that isn't the location that night for a star party?

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