

Almost Heaven Star Party



Celebrating our **20th Anniversary** under West Virginia's darkest skies

August 11-18, 2026

- Meals
- Observing
- Presentations
- On-Site Events
- Off-Site Events

Tuesday

August 11, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

12:00p

• Lunch

5:00p

• Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing

Presentation Yurt

5:30p

• Dinner

Wednesday

August 12, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

12:00p

• Lunch

5:00p

• Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing

Presentation Yurt

5:30p

• Dinner

Thursday

August 13, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

12:00p

• Lunch

5:00p

• Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing

Presentation Yurt

5:30p

• Dinner

Friday

August 14, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

12:00p

• Lunch

3:00p

• Solar Observing

Yurt Deck

4:30p

• Chad Merrill

Weather for Astronomers - Presentation Yurt

5:00p

• Chad Merrill - Weather Briefing

Presentation Yurt

5:30p

• Dinner

6:30p

• Skip Bird

Sky Lore - Presentation Yurt

8:00p

• Night Sky Tour

Yellow Lot

Saturday

August 15, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

CHOOSE ONE

9:00a

• Bird Watching & Geology Hike

Leaves from Yurt Deck

9:00a

• Canoeing

Spruce Knob Lake

10:30a

• Green Bank Observatory Tour

Meet at Yurt Deck

12:00p

• Lunch

1:00p

• Caving

Meet at Yurt Deck

1:30p

• Charlie Bracken

Presentation Yurt

3:00p

• Back Ridge Observatory

Open House

5:30p

• Dinner

6:30p

• Emily Margolis

Smithsonian Institution - Presentation Yurt

8:00p

• Night Sky Tour

Yellow Lot

Sunday

August 16, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

CHOOSE ONE

9:00a

• Bird Watching & Geology Hike

Leaves from Yurt Deck

9:00a

• Cass Scenic Railroad

Self transportation

12:00p

• Lunch

1:00p

• Skip Bird

Physics is Phun: A Kids Event - Presentation Yurt

3:00p

• Back Ridge Observatory

Open House

3:00p

• Solar Observing

Yurt Deck

4:30p

• AHSP Raffle

Yurt Deck

5:30p

• Dinner

Monday

August 17, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

12:00p

• Lunch

1:00p

• Skip Bird

Astronomical League Observing Programs - Presentation Yurt

5:30p

• Dinner

Tuesday

August 18, 2026

8:00a

• Breakfast

AHSP Ends - 10:00am

Safe travels - see you at the 21st!

Clear skies for our 20th year, Almost Heaven!

www.ahsp.org - Field lots, meal plans & activity registration open now

Schedule reflects the primary on-site program days. Times, speakers, and activities are subject to change - always check ahsp.org and posted signage on-site for the latest updates.