

# PERKINS OBSERVATORY

*The Place for Space!*

## 2020 Public Programs



**A Public Service of  
Ohio Wesleyan  
University  
Since 1923**

**In Partnership with  
The Columbus  
Astronomical Society**

**(740) 363-1257**

<http://perkins.owu.edu>

## Perkins Web Page

The Perkins web page contains plenty of information about astronomy, amateur stargazing, and telescope buying. You'll also find up-to-date information about our public programs, ticket availability, etc. Check us out at:

<http://perkins.owu.edu>

## Directions to Perkins

The Observatory is located on U. S. Route 23, four miles south of Delaware and ten miles north of the I-270 Columbus outer-belt. Our driveway is on the left if you are driving south on Rt. 23 and on the right if you are driving north.

For more detailed directions, please check out our web site (web address above) or call us at **(740) 363-1257**.

## Observatory Temperatures

The Observatory is maintained at standard room temperature, but the telescope dome cannot be heated. Please wear sufficient outer clothing to insure comfort while observing.

### Perkins Observatory Donation Form

1. \_\_\_ Yes, I want to make a donation to the Perkins Endowment:

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ Yes, I want to make a donation to the Operating Fund.

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

(Please mail to: Perkins Observatory, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, OH 43015. Make checks available to "Perkins Observatory.")  
We do not accept donations via credit/debit cards.

# Public Programs

## Friday Evening Programs

Perkins Observatory hosts public programs on most Friday nights, except for holiday weekends. Note, we do not have Friday evening programs for several weekends in the summer. However, over three Saturdays in July, we have our special daytime series, "Celebration of the Sun." (See next panel for details.)

Program content varies depending on sky conditions and other factors. A program **may** include a planetarium-style show (on a flat screen), tours of the Observatory, and/or observing with the 32-inch Schottland Telescope and other 'scopes. Observing with telescopes is never guaranteed, even with clear skies.

Large groups of 10 or more are required to purchase tickets a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.

A limit of 80 people will be scheduled for each program.

**Please arrive BEFORE the program is scheduled to begin. For the safety of all participants, late comers will be denied entry.**

## Dates and Times

### Starting at 8 P.M.:

January 24, 31  
February 7, 21, 28  
March 6, 13, 20, 37  
April 3, 17, 27

### Starting at 9 P.M.:

May 1, 8, 15, 29  
June 5, 12

**For July, see "Celebration of the Sun" on the next panel.)**

August 7, 14, 21, 28

### Starting at 8 P.M.:

September 11, 18, 25  
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
November 6, 13, 20  
December 4, 11

## Celebration of the Sun!

During early summer, when the sun sets too late to schedule evening programs, Perkins will instead host late-afternoon activities to celebrate, talk about, and observe with special telescopes (weather permitting) our incredible "day star," the sun! Those programs all begin promptly at **2 P.M.** and will be held on the following Saturday afternoons:

**July 18, 25**

### TICKET PRICES

Admission to all programs is:  
**BY TICKET ONLY!**

**General Admission \$10.00 / person**

Tickets may only be ordered by telephone with a major credit/debit card.

**We do not do online ticket sales.**

**For more information, please call us at:**

**(740) 363-1257**

### PLEASE NOTE:

**We hold the programs rain or shine, so refunds on ticket fees are not possible. Tickets are good only for the date specified.**

**There is no guarantee of being able to look through telescopes, even if it is clear.**

### Tickets at the Door

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the program or at the door for **\$2.00 more per ticket than the prices listed above. However our programs are often full, and at-the-door tickets are often not available.**

**Before you make the long drive to Perkins, CALL FIRST. Calls after 6PM on the day of the program may not be answered. You MUST have ticket reservations to enter the observatory property.**

## Other Programs at Perkins

Perkins sponsors many more programs and activities than the weekend activities detailed in this brochure.

Special programs, slide shows, and tours for school classes, clubs, and other organizations may be arranged by phone.

### Daytime Field Trips

Daytime programs at Perkins may consist of a slide show, a computerized planetarium demonstration, a tour of the Observatory, and/or observations of the sun using solar-safe telescopes. Fees vary. See website for details.

### Nighttime Programs

You may schedule a special nighttime program during the week and on some Saturdays for your organization (up to 80 people). Programs consist of a talk about stargazing, a tour of the Observatory, and observing with telescopes, weather permitting. Fees vary, see website for details

### Programs Away from Perkins

Don Stevens, Director of Perkins Observatory and an astrophysicist, is available for day or nighttime astronomy talks at locations other than Perkins Observatory. Don can bring along a portable telescope if the weather permits a bit of stargazing. Fees vary, see website for details.

### New Vistas in Astronomy

This astronomy mini-course allows you to learn about the latest discoveries by astronomers and possibly to observe a variety of celestial objects with telescopes, weather permitting. The presenters are professors from Ohio State's and Ohio Wesleyan's astronomy departments. The series meets one Thursday each month. See our website for more information.