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Images and highlights since 2003.

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2014

Mostly clear skies support telescoping and image processing. Saturn is a standout; pictures linked to <u>flickr</u> <u>set</u>.



Monitoring the Night

Since 2006, AstroCampers have measured the darkness with digital Sky Quality Meters (SQMs). These hand-held devices quantify how much light is reaching our eyes, both from the stars themselves and from light pollution. (Read more...)

The <u>original AstroCamp website</u>, from 2003 to 2011, has been hosted at Paper Plate Education courtesy of DePaul University.



2013

Clouds give way to beautiful nights; pictures linked to flickr set.



<u>2011</u>

Milky Way high overhead; pictures linked to flickr set.



<u>2010</u>

Morning and afternoon groups gather together at night. Crowning sight is asymetrical Jupiter, missing its southern belt. Two TV crews visit and air stories.



2009

Making a scope from two lenses. Yes, those are four moons of Jupiter we saw! Celebrating the 2009 International Year of Astronomy with a "Shoulders of Giants" video that summarizes the AstroCamp adventure. Guest staffers include Patrick Stonehouse, discoverer of the comet bearing his name.



2008

Clear skies yield oodles of deep sky highlights, from nearby lo to the Wild Duck Cluster. Guest counselor and author Michael Chauvin brings his expertise and pleasant character from Hawaii.



2007

It's camp--not school--so expect s'mores! Lots of sunspots and solar prominences. Paper plate Moon Finders, inflatable planetarium, and a scavenger hunt are among the daytime activities.



2006

Big scopes cause big smiles. Weather cleared, with sightings ranging from an lo occultation to--the Corey Lake Monster! Check out those rings of Saturn.



2005

Two AstroCamp sessions this year. Sightings range from Iridium flares to Messier objects.



2004

Pictures from campfires, scoping, rockets, and more.



2003

Mars nearing close approach. AstroCampers record telescopic field of view on paper plates. Sunspots active.

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