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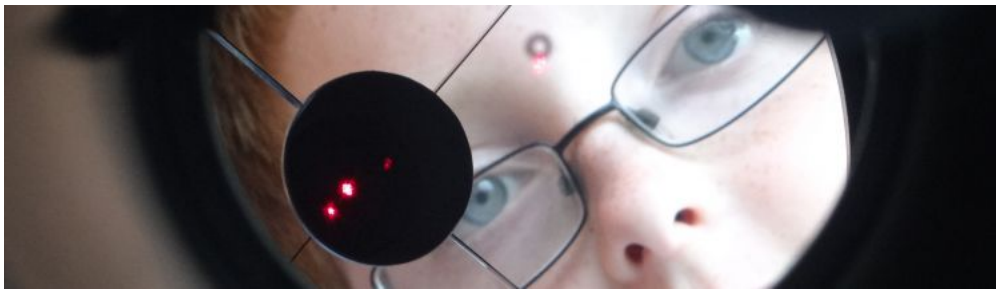

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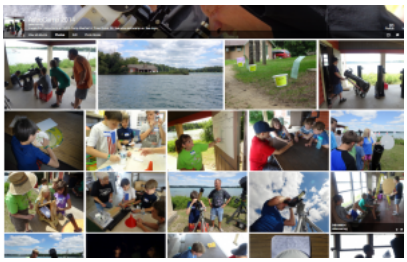

Following up AstroCamp 2014 Underway, the campers launched into more activities by day and telescoping at night. We gazed safely at the sun with protective equipment, experienced light pollution in the Starlab, pulled out stars on strings to see the 3D nature of the constellations, and launched decorated water rockets. Advanced AstroCampers processed their images of Saturn, yielding fabulous results. A survey sought input from the kids to make next year's AstroCamp even better.

At night several first-year campers earned their Stargazing Award, while others sought the Lunar Award, Solar Award, and Proficiency Award. Mostly clear skies allowed us to see more attractions like Neptune and Stephans Quintet (at least 4 of the 5 galaxies).

Near midnight, remaining AstroCampers quantified sky glow with Sky Quality Meters and a Dark Sky Meter app. The 2014 average recorded values for SQMs was 20.78 magnitudes per square arcsecond and the app measured 21.2.

Images below and at Flickr Album hint at the happenings.

Many thanks go to staff of AstroCamp for bringing their talent and time to Camp Eberhart for the kids. In 2014 the astronomy staff included:

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