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Meeting Announcement

This month's meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society will not be held. We have a camping Star Party at Monte Cristo. We hope to see everyone there.

Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties

Aug. 15 Antelope Island

Sep. 19 Antelope Island

Oct. 10 Antelope Island

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Aug 20-23 Monte Cristo

Oct 15-18 Dead Horse Point

Oct 15-18 Curlew

Lunar Party

We had a really fun Lunar Star Party at Kent's Market in Roy on August 1. There were a lot of telescopes for the people to look through. We had quite a few people show up.

Green Lasers for Sale

Kay Hargis has several Jasper straight line green laser pointers for sale. Kay purchased them at a volume discount. They are \$31 each and come with 2 AAA batteries and a plastic case. You can reach Kay at n7kh@juno.com. Kay is also taking orders for a book titled "Yearbook of Astronomy 2010"

OAS Elections

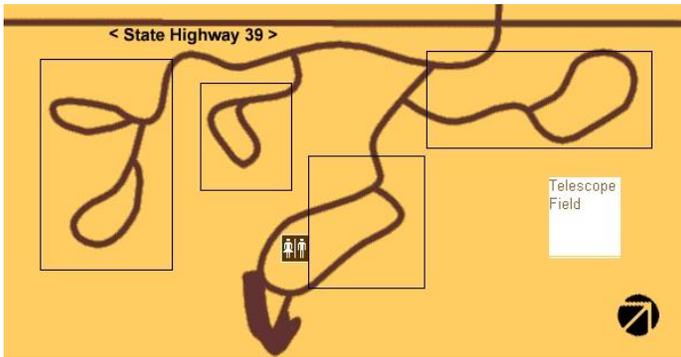
At Monte Cristo next week, Dustin will be putting together a nomination committee for our elections. If you are interested in being on the committee or in

running for office, please contact Dustin. The committee will contact the members and see if they are interested in running for office. Each committee member will call about 15 people.

Monte Cristo

For those that are new to OAS, our Monte Cristo Star Parties are one of the highlights of the year. This is a star party where we go camping at the Monte Cristo campground on highway 39 in Rich County. The formal star party is Friday and Saturday nights. Many of us arrive as early as Tuesday to get more observing time. When the weather is nice, this can be a great place to observe from. We are at almost 9000 ft. The light domes from the cities are far away so they don't interfere with our observing. When the air is stable, we have seen really neat detail in galaxies like M101 and M51. The dust lanes in M31 are real nice as well.

We obtain a permit to use a meadow to the north of the campground. We set up our telescopes there. We have potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday night. We also have "Tea Parties" each day at around lunch time. These are fun events where we sometimes discuss different astronomy topics or just enjoy each other's company. We usually have several snacks prepared for the tea parties. They have included chips and salsa, cookies, chips and Doug Sandwiches (Ritz cracker, Salami, sharp Cheddar cheese and a Jalapeño pepper).



Map of Monte Cristo campground. There are more restrooms than noted. You want to try to get in the small loop by the Telescope field. The other loop near the field is also close.

