

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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**STARGAZE AT BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK
ON ASTRONOMY DAY SATURDAY, MAY 6**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Montgomery County Astronomers Group and Black Hill Park naturalists will offer free presentations including “Sunspot Overview” and “As the World Turns” during Astronomy Day. The event hours are 12 noon to 10 p.m. at Black Hill Regional Park located at 20930 Lake Ridge Drive in Boyds.

Inter-stellar knowledge of the night sky and factoids will be collected during the day and tested in the “Star Stuff for Kids Trivia Contest,” an easy trivia contest with prizes.

Weather permitting, volunteer astronomers and the Park naturalist experience the wonders of the heavens: galaxies, double stars, constellations, clusters and planets with telescopes and binoculars. Telescopes will be set at various locations in the park for each of these categories. In case overcast skies prevent viewing celestial bodies outside, there will be an introductory class on telescopes and viewing of astronomy videos.

WHO:

Black Hill Regional Park Naturalists
Montgomery County Astronomers Group

WHAT:

Astronomy Day

WHEN:

Saturday, May 6, 2006
12 Noon to 10 p.m.

WHERE:

Black Hill Regional Park
20930 Lake Ridge Drive, Boyds

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