The University Lowbrow Astronomers

are a club of astronomy enthusiasts who meet the third Friday of each month in Room G115 of Angell Hall (University of Michigan Central Campus, Ann Arbor). Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are open to the public.

The “Lowbrows” maintain and operate the 24 inch McMath Cassegrain Telescope at The University’s Peach Mountain Observatory, located off North Territorial Road (1.1 miles west of Dexter-Pinckney Road). Public Open Houses or Star Parties are held at the Observatory approximately twice a month (weather permitting). Visitors and members are encouraged to bring their telescopes, binoculars and enthusiasm to these functions.

The “Lowbrows” also publish a monthly newsletter “Reflections” which contains a wealth of astronomy related articles and pictures, written and photographed by club members. The newsletter also includes upcoming events and information about guest speakers.

Membership is open to all. You do not need to be a University of Michigan student, graduate or alumni. Dues are $30 per year for individuals or families, $20 per year for students or seniors (age 55+) and $5 if you live outside of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. A hard copy of the Newsletter can be obtained with an additional $18 fee to cover printing and postage.

For information about the club, send e-mail to:

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Code of Conduct

In order to promote an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone, the following code of conduct must be followed at Peach Mountain:

1. No controlled substances, firearms or fireworks are allowed in the parking or observing areas.
2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parking or observing areas.
3. No smoking.
4. Turn off cell phones, CBs and radios before entering the observatory grounds. These devices interfere with the Radio Telescope.
5. No pets.
6. After dusk, do not use white lights or flash photographs either when approaching the observing area or within the observing area. They compromise night vision. If you must use a flashlight, use one that has a red filter.
7. Please ask the owner’s permission before looking through a telescope. We are happy to have visitors look through our scopes, but sometimes we are concentrating on other activities.
8. Do not touch any of the telescopes, especially glass surfaces, or mounts. Touching can cause vibration of the image and can move the scope off target requiring realignment.
9. No running in the observing area.
10. Practice common courtesy and everyone will have a good time.

Open House Schedule

There will be open houses at Peach Mountain on the following Saturdays in 2015 (weather permitting).

March 14 and 21, April 11 and 18, May 16 and 23, June 13 and 20, July 11 and 18, August 8 and 15, September 5 and 12, October 10 and 17, November 7 and 14

Call (734) 975-3248 after 4 PM the day of an event to determine the status or visit http://www.umich.edu/~lowbrows