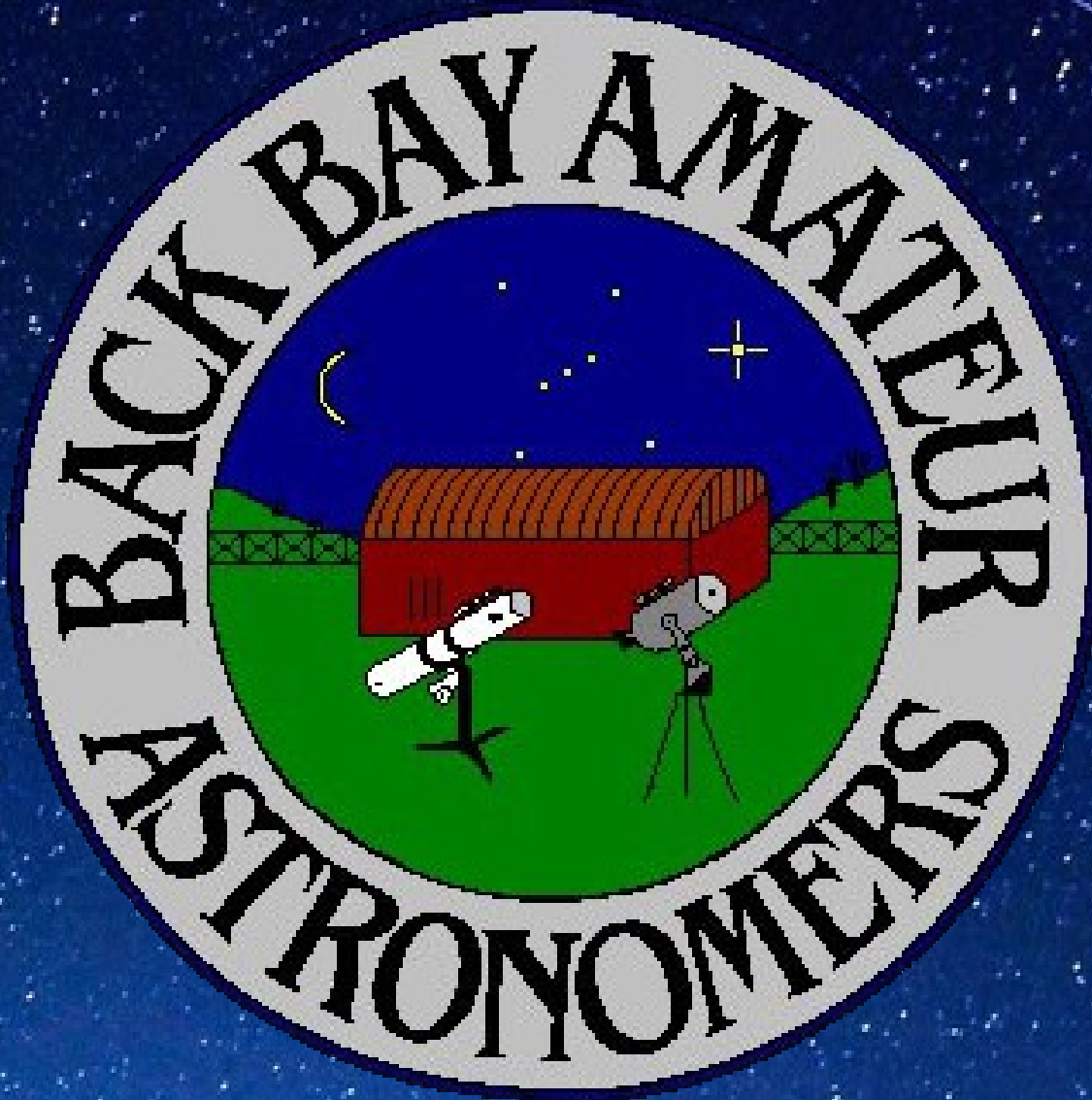


# Back Bay Amateur Astronomers



*November 2017 BBAA Events*

*"Bringing Astronomy to the People of Hampton Roads"*

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# **BBAA Events October 2017**

## **BBAA Club Meeting**

Public Welcome to attend. Meeting will be held in the Science Building (Bldg J) in Room JC13, but at times we need to shift rooms due to class sessions.

*Date: 2017-11-02*

*Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Location: Tidewater Community College - VB Campus, 1700 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23453*

## **Virginia Peninsula Astronomy/Stargazers (VPAS)**

Come join the Virginia Peninsula Astronomy/Stargazers (VPAS) for a night of stargazing at Viewing at Grundland Astronomical Park (GAP) in Hampton on the first and third Friday of every month. Event is rain or shine.

*Date: 2017-11-03*

*Time: 4:15 PM*

*Location: Grundland Astronomical Park, 112 Grundland Dr., Hampton, VA 23664*

## **Mikey's Camp for Grieving Children and Teens**

Camp for children and teens who have lost a loved one. They would like astronomers to bring telescopes to the Jamestown 4-H camp and let the campers and staff view the sky

*Expected Visitors: 100*

*Club Members Needed: 3*

*RSVPs: 1 Yes, 0 Probably*

*Date: 2017-11-03*

*Time: 8:30 PM – 11:00 PM*

*Location: Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, 3751 4-H Club Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185*

## **Saturday "SUN" Day**

Free public solar viewing event, everyone is welcome to attend. The event is weather dependent, if it is cloudy it will not be held. Come join the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers (BBAA) for this public solar viewing event. Ever really looked at the Sun? Been told that you are not supposed to look at the Sun? Well no worries there, astronomers have developed safe methods for solar viewing using specially designed solar filters and purpose built Hydrogen-Alpha Solar Scopes. Come on out and look at, and enjoy, our closest star, the Sun. Presenters - Plan on set up 30 minutes before event start time (9:30 AM).

*Expected Visitors: 30*

*Club Members Needed: 3*

*RSVPs: 1 Yes, 0 Probably*

*Date: 2017-11-04*

*Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

*Location: Elizabeth River Park, 1400 Elizabeth River Way, Chesapeake*

## **Astronomy Club**

Astronomy club meeting at Old Donation School in Virginia Beach. Club is meeting for all four Mondays in November. George Reynolds is leading this but please feel free to volunteer to assist him.

*Date: [2017-11-06](#), [2017-11-13](#), [2017-11-20](#), [2017-11-27](#)*

*Time: 3:40 PM - 4:40 PM*

*Location: Old Donation School, 4633 Honeygrove Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

# **BBAA Events October 2017**

## **Skywatch @ Northwest River Park**

Free public Skywatch, everyone is welcome to attend. Star and planet watching will begin around sunset. For those who would like some help with new telescopes or just want to learn how telescopes work, we will be holding an informal afternoon "Telescope 101" pre-event beginning about 90 minutes before sunset (scheduled start time). Presenters - Plan on set up 90 minutes before sunset (Start time).

*Expected Visitors: 30*

*Club Members Needed: 5*

*RSVPs: 0 Yes, 0 Probably*

*Date: 2017-11-17*

*Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Location: Northwest River Park (Equestrian Area), 1501-1569 Indian Creek Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322*

## **Corn Watch @ Cornland Park**

Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, Chesapeake, Va. is a BBAA's "observers only" session at Cornland Park, in Chesapeake. This is where we can work with new members on using their equipment or just getting together. The session runs from dusk until dawn. Our night use of the park requires a [permit](#) and your BBAA Membership Card, in case your presence is questioned by law enforcement. Please make sure you download a permit. As always, this is a city park and no alcohol is permitted. Please try to leave the area as you found it and remove all trash from your observing area.

**NOTE:** To turn off the new LED security light in the parking lot, go to the Firehouse, let them know you are with the BBAA, and ask them for the key to the switchbox. Unlock the box and leave the padlock unlocked, shut off light, and return the key to the firehouse. Please do not keep it with you. At the end of the night the last person there must turn the light on and then lock the box.

*Date: 2017-11-17*

*Time: Dusk – Next Morning*

*Location: Cornland Park, 2908 Benefit Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322*

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*Date: 2017-11-17*

*Time: 4:15 PM*

*Location: Grundland Astronomical Park, 112 Grundland Dr., Hampton, VA 23664*

## **Camp Strother**

Assist Cub/Boy Scouts during Family Camping trip on earning their patches by letting them look at a distant object through a telescope or binoculars. Answer astronomy related questions for scouts and assist with pointing out constellations.

*Expected Visitors: 75*

*Club Members Needed: 4*

*RSVPs: 2 Yes, 0 Probably*

*Date: 2017-11-17*

*Time: 7:30 - 10:30 PM*

*Location: Ken Strothers, 961 West Road, Chesapeake, VA 23323*

# BBAA Events October 2017

## Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park

Nightwatch @ Chippokes Plantation State Park NIGHTWATCH is the BBAA's "observers only" session at Chippokes Plantation State Park near Surry, but while not a public outreach event, we welcome all observers to come out and set up their gear. This is where we can work with new members on using their equipment or just getting together.

The session runs from dusk until dawn. Our night use of the park requires a permit (see note below) and at least one copy of the [permit](#) must be present during the event. Members are asked to put a 8x10 sign with "BBAA" in large letters on the dash of their vehicles. All members must pay the \$5.00 fee at the entrance to the park. At the gatehouse, look for the plastic box that has the envelopes to put your money into. Take the receipt, and put the envelope into the slot. The observation site is at the other end of the park.

*Expected Visitors: 75*

*Club Members Needed: 4*

*RSVPs: 2 Yes, 0 Probably*

*Date: 2017-11-17*

*Time: 7:30 - 10:30 PM*

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*Date: 2017-11-24*

*Time: Dusk – Next Morning*

*Location: Cornland Park, 2908 Benefit Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322*

# BBAA Events October 2017

## October Outreach Results

Summary of outreach events results from previous month.

Event Name	Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Length of Event	RSVPs	Club Members Needed	Members Presenting	Expected Visitors	Total Visitors
Astronomy Presentation to 4th Grade Science Classes at Brickell Academy, VB	2017-10-04	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	1.25 hours		0	1		130
Saturday "SUN" Day	2017-10-07	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	3 hours	0 Yes, 0 Probably	5	4	30	10
Poquoson High School Science Classes	2017-10-10	7:30 AM	2:00 PM	6.5 hours		0	1		85
Skywatch @ Northwest River Park	2017-10-14	6:30 PM	10:30 PM	4 hours	0 Yes, 0 Probably	5		30	CANX
C. S. Brown High School Career Fair Winton, NC	2017-10-18	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	6 hours		0	1		59
Virginia Association of Astronomical Societies 2017 Conference	2017-10-21	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8 hours	1 Yes, 0 Probably	10	2	50	35
Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Garden	2017-10-26	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	1.5 hours	3 Yes, 0 Probably	3		20	
InOMN and Family Movie Night at the Suffolk Visitor Center	2017-10-28	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	3 hours	2 Yes, 0 Probably	3	0	100	
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>22.5</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>319</b>