

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers



January 2018 BBAA Events

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BBAA Club Meeting @ Plaza Middle School

This months meeting will be held at Plaza Middle School in the planetarium.

Date: January 4th, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Plaza Middle School, 3080 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23503

Mentoring Young Scientists Aquarium Overnight @ Virginia Aquarium

Organizers would like club members to spend a couple of hours looking for some cool things in the night sky with this group of students as part of the Mentoring Young Scientists series. The students are middle schoolers who are staying overnight at the Virginia Aquarium.

Expected Visitors: 18

Club Members Needed: 2

Date: January 5th, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Virginia Aquarium, 717 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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 60 minutes before sunset (scheduled start time). Presenters - Plan on set up 60 minutes before sunset (Start time).

Expected Visitors: 50

Club Members Needed: 5

Date: January 6th, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Northwest River Park (Equestrian Area), 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. Our night use of the park requires a [permit](#) and your BBAA Membership Card, in case your presence is questioned by law enforcement.

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 switch box. 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: January 12th, 2018

Time: Dusk – Dawn

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

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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.

Date: January 13th, 2018

Time: Dusk – Dawn

Location: Chippokes Plantation State Park, 74 Chippokes Park Road, Surry, VA 23883

Corn Watch @ Cornland Park

Corn Watch @ Cornland Park, Chesapeake, Va. is a BBAA's "observers only" session at Cornland Park, in Chesapeake. Our night use of the park requires a [permit](#) and your BBAA Membership Card, in case your presence is questioned by law enforcement.

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Date: January 19th, 2018

Time: Dusk – Dawn

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

Saturday "SUN" Day @ Elizabeth River Park

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: January 20th, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

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December Outreach Results

Summary of outreach events results from previous month.

Event Name	Start Date	Start Time	End Time	RSVPs	Expected Visitors	Club Members Needed	Length of Event	Total Visitors
Saturday "SUN" Day	2017-12-02	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	2 Yes, 0 Probably	30	5	2.5 hours	10
Astronomy Club	2017-12-04	3:40 PM	4:40 PM	1 Yes, 0 Probably	20	2	1 hour	23
Landstown High School Astronomy Club	2017-12-06	2:20 PM	3:30 PM			0	1.25 hours	10
Club Meeting - TCC (VB Campus)	2017-12-07	7:30 PM	9:00 PM		0	0	1.5 hours	20
Winter Open House / Muse / Ghent Market Shops (Canceled)	2017-12-08	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	0 Yes, 0 Probably	300	3	4 hours	
Skywatch @ Northwest River Park (Canceled)	2017-12-09	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	0 Yes, 0 Probably	30	5	4 hours	
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