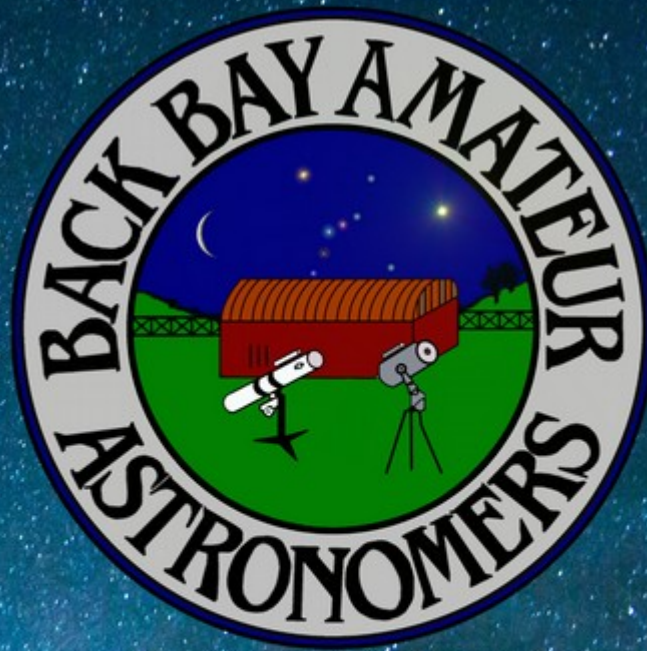


BACK BAY AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

*"Bringing Astronomy to the People
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May 2018 Events



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BBAA Events May 2018

BBAA Club Meeting @ TCC

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: May 3, 2018

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: May 4, 2018

Time: Sunset

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

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: May 5, 2018

Time: 8 PM - 12 PM

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

ECSP @ Coinjock, NC

Kent Blackwell's famous semi-annual East Coast Star Party runs from Thursday through Sunday morning. Whether it's clear or not most people that have previously attended consider it one of their favorite star parties.

Date: May 10, 2018 – May 13, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM THU- 9:00 AM SUN

Location: Hampton Lodge Camp Ground, 1631 Waterlily Road, Coinjock, NC 27923

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 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: May 11, 2018

Time: Dusk – Dawn

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

BBAA Events May 2018

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: May 12, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM – 6:30 AM

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 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: May 18, 2018

Time: Dusk – Dawn

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

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: May 18, 2018

Time: Sunset

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

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. Come on out and look at, and enjoy, our closest star, the Sun.

Expected Visitors: 20

Club Members Needed: 3

Date: May 19, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

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Boardwalk Astronomy #1 @ Virginia Beach Boardwalk

Come join the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers club members for our monthly Boardwalk Astronomy summer series event. Telescopes will be set up on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk near the 24th Street Stage to allow the public an opportunity to observe the night sky for free. Solar scopes will be used until sunset for safe views of the Sun and then guests will be able to observe the Moon and any other night sky objects for the rest of the event.

*This event is weather dependent. If the weather doesn't cooperate on Tuesday our backup date for this event is the following Thursday. Please check this website for event cancellation notices.

** If you want to chip in for pizza we are considering ordering some during the event and having it delivered to the boardwalk for dinner that evening.

Expected Visitors: 250

Club Members Needed: 8

Date: May 22, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: Boardwalk Astronomy Site, 2401 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

April 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
Astronomy Merit Badge	2018-04-02	7:00 PM	8:30 PM		7	1	1.5 hours	8
Skywatch @ Northwest River Park	2018-04-07	7:30 PM	11:30 PM	0 Yes, 0 Probably	30	5	4 hours	CANCELED
Saturday "SUN" Day	2018-04-21	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	1 Yes, 1 Probably	30	5	3 hours	25
Astronomy Day at the VB MEO Central Library	2018-04-21	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	6 Yes, 1 Probably	200	8	4 hours	200
Mentoring Young Scientists @ Virginia Aquarium	2018-04-27	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	2 Yes, 0 Probably	20	3	2 hours	18
TOTALS					287	22	14.5 HRS	251