



Ashton Observatory Public Nights 2025

Presented by The Des Moines Astronomical Society. Inc.

Ashton Observatory is open to the public for weekend programs,
followed by stargazing – Saturday evenings, April through October.



Date	Time	Presentation Subject	Presenter	days	Moon
Apr. 05	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		7.8	
12	8:00 p.m.	Planet Parade.....	Greg Woolever	14.8	
19	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		21.8	
26	8:00 p.m.	Majestic Leo.....	Derryl Barr	28.8	
May 03	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		6.2	
10	8:00 p.m.	Types of Objects in the Universe.....	Paul Caligiuri	13.2	
17	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		20.2	
24	8:00 p.m.	Choosing A First Telescope	G.Woolever/DMAS team	27.2	
31	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		4.7	
Jun. 07	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		11.7	
14	8:00 p.m.	The Milky Way – There’s More To It Than You See.....	JoAnn Cogil	18.7	
21	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		25.7	
28	8:00 p.m.	Draco’s Realm	Derryl Barr	3.2	
Jul. 05	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		10.2	
12	8:00 p.m.	Venus.....	J.R. Paulson	17.2	
19	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		24.2	
26	8:00 p.m.	Women of Astronomy	JoAnn Cogil	1.7	
Aug. 02	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		8.7	
9	8:00 p.m.	How Far Is That Star?	Paul Caligiuri	15.7	
16	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		22.7	
23	8:00 p.m.	The Color Of Stars	J.R. Paulson	0.1	
30	8:00 p.m.	Shapes in the Heavens: A History of the Constellations.....	Jon Voisey	7.1	
Sep. 06	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		14.1	
13	8:00 p.m.	The Apollo Landing.....	Wade Johnson	21.1	
20	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		28.1	
27	8:00 p.m.	(to be announced).....	Jim VandeBerg	5.6	
Oct. 04	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		12.6	
11	8:00 p.m.	(to be announced).....	Jim VandeBerg	19.6	
18	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing		26.6	
25	8:00 p.m.	Annie Cannon: American Astronomer.....	Herb Folsom	4.1	

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