

# Sky Watching Resources

## Podcasts

- Sky Tour Podcast - monthly 15 min tour from American Astronomical Society
- Star Date - daily 2 min description of what to look for in the night sky
- Astronomy Cast - weekly 30 min fact-based tour of the universe

## Websites

- cleardarksky.com - 48-hour astronomer's forecast
- Timedate.com - sun and moon times, meteor shower calendar
- Space.com - space exploration, innovation, and astronomy news
- Skymaps.com - monthly sky maps and events information
- Mcdonaldobservatory.org - UT looks at the heavens in west Texas
- Stardate.org - sky almanac, star gazing information
- darksky.org - light pollution, lighting, Losing the Dark film, outreach materials
- softlighthouston.com/education - create a safe low glare nighttime environment
- amsmeteors.org - meteor-shower-calendar

## Clubs

- San Antonio Astronomical Association ([sanantonioastronomy.org/](http://sanantonioastronomy.org/))
- Houston Astronomy Society ([astronomyhouston.org/](http://astronomyhouston.org/))
- Uvalde County Stargazers ([facebook.com/groups/310834110187/](https://facebook.com/groups/310834110187/))
- Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky ([blancocountynightsky.org/](http://blancocountynightsky.org/))

## Books (amazon.com)

- Pocket Star Atlas
- Stories in the Stars: An Atlas of Constellations
- Turn Left at Orion

## Articles

- October is Hill Country Dark Sky Month ([hillcountryalliance.org/NightSkyMonth](http://hillcountryalliance.org/NightSkyMonth))
- Bill Wren Angel of Darkness ([chron.com](http://chron.com))

## Other items (amazon.com)

- Binoculars - Nikon 7245 Action 10x50 EX
- Green Laser Pointer - a green laser for showing others around the sky
- Planisphere - an any season, any hour map of the stars
- Red mode LED flashlight – needed to keep eyes adjusted to the dark