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West Liberty State College SMART-Center To Co-Host National Astronomy Day Event

The West Liberty State College SMART-Center, along with ASTROLABE Astronomy Club, Brooke Hills Park, and the Near Earth Object Foundation will host a National Astronomy Day StarWatch event at The Brooke Hills Park Cardinal Shelter on May 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. This event is sponsored in part from a grant through the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

The event will include guest speakers, safe Solar viewing, telescope observations include the rings of Saturn, the Earth's Moon, the planets Mars and Mercury, star clusters, star and constellation hunts, and more for the entire family.

The event also includes the announcement of the winner of the National Astronomy Day Poster Contest. The theme for the poster contest this year is "The Tunguska Event 100th Anniversary". The winner receives a free StarWatch for their school provided by ASTROLABE, WLSC SMART-Center, and the Near Earth Object Foundation.

According to Robert Strong, director of the WLSC SMART-Center, there will be a number of family fun events regardless of the weather. "We are hoping for a clear and cloud-free sky that will allow excellent viewing of Saturn, the Moon, and springtime stars and constellations. If by chance it is cloudy, we have speakers, a great science fiction movie, campfire, refreshments, and marshmallow roasting. We invite the public to bring their telescopes to the event for this annual national celebration of Astronomy." said Strong.

All activities are free and open to the public.

For information contact the WLSC SMART-Center at (304) 277-2308.

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