

This is Maricruz Dick, a student at Franklin area high School and a Remake Learning Days Youth Ambassador. I just attended Binocular Astronomy, hosted by Oil Region Astronomical Society at 4249 Camp Coffman Rd, Cranberry, PA 16319 on May 17 at 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm as part of Remake Learning Days 2025.

Binocular Astronomy was an amazing experience and I and glad I attended the event. The wonderful host set up examples of the things she was going to talk about. She talked about how they were given a grant to buy special binoculars and put together backpack kits full of star-gazing supplies. I found out that these kits are located in libraries all around the area near their observatory. The kits are able to be checked out for two weeks to use for yourself, which I think is a wonderful idea. After she explained everything in the pack, and started a video on how the binoculars work and what you would be able to see compared to a high-tech camera. Everything in her presentation was very insightful, and I learned a lot. After that, I was shown the big telescopes. They had three huge telescopes inside a uniquely built observatory where the roof slides back, allowing people to get a clear view of the sky.

Before I attended, I was excited to learn more about astronomy. Astronomy has always been something that intrigued me so when I saw that there was an event for it I immediately pick it. The night of the event was unfortunately cloudy so we were unable to look through any ou the telescopes. Even so, I was still able to learn some new things. I learned some astronomy term and found out how an astronomy map work. I even found out that they use red lights so that our eyes will adjust quicker in the dark, which I thought was pretty neat. What I found especially nice was being able to hear how they began. The event was very welcoming, my time there will definitely be remember and i am so glad I was ablet to learn new things.

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