

STARRY SKIES NORTH GENERAL MEETING

October 3, 2023

GATHERING TIME

- Order your “Ask Me About Light Pollution” shirts -two color schemes: [BLACK](#) and [GOLD](#)
 - Great for events or just wearing around town to raise awareness

DarkSky NEWS

- UNSP Certification just got easier: only 67% initial compliance needed.
- October 5th Advocates Mtg: Nightlights App & the Time for the Night Campaign

SESSION ONE REGISTRATION

SESSION TWO REGISTRATION

- October 18th Night Matters: Psychotherapist Ada Blair discusses our fear of the dark. [REGISTER](#)
- Under One Sky Global Conference Nov 3-4 [HERE](#). Media packet [HERE](#)

RECENT EVENT RECAPS

- Sep 9: **Minneapolis Monarch Festival**: Chris, Steven, Ole, Paul+1, Caitlin, Maggie
- Sep 9: **MacGrove Fest** -MaryBeth, Lisa, Michelle
- Sep 9-16 -Annual **Celebrate the Night** Festival – Duluth -Andrew, Bob F, Caroline, Todd
- Sep 14: WGTD “Morning Show” -Todd
- Sept 25th MN **Non-game wildlife naturalist training** -Todd & Caitlin
- Sept 27th: **Sunrise Township** -Peter





UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5th -**DKG Women in Education** Presentation -Todd
- October 4th-13th: **Globe at Night -THIS IS OUR MONTH!!** -Caitlin
 - <https://starryskiesnorth.org/fall-into-the-stars-2023>
 - Will do kickoff Zoom webinar **Weds the 4th**
 - MAS star party on **Saturday the 7th**
 - Mark Job and Todd to collaborate on getting MAS a DVD version of the Northern Nights Starry Skies documentary to play in case of rain, and for MAS to just keep at ELO. Mark will send Todd his mailing address.
- October 11th -**Pints for the Park Night** [\[LINK\]](#)
 - “America’s National Parks” -Voyageurs National Park Episode
 - watch party w/ Voyageurs Wolf Project & Voyageur’s Conservancy
 - 6-8 PM Forgotten STar Brewing, Fridley
- October 25th: **International Falls Rotary** -Todd
- October 28th: MN Association for Environmental Educators, in Lanesboro -Caitlin, Joel, Zoe
 - <https://minnesotae.org/what-we-do/events/2023-conference/>

ADVOCACY

- **MNDOT 20-year State Hwy Investment Plan** draft is open for public comment through Nov 8th.
 - Several references to “better” lighting
 - Start [HERE](#) to read/download the plan & comment
- **14th Annual Estuary Summit** March 6-8: our proposal for a **Session Theme** was approved -we’ll be part of the Contamination Session. **Now we need PRESENTERS for 10-15 minute talks.** Abstracts Due December 7.
 - Morgon Thorson, Joel Weisberg and (maybe) Caitlin Johnson all interested in putting together an abstract for a talk
- **Become a podcast host!** The staff at the Restoring Darkness podcast want to create a new podcast short, with a target audience of lighting distributors. 15-30 minutes/month as a co-host.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT -OUR NEWEST SEGMENT

- Joel Weisberg -Astronomer in Residence at Idaho Dark Sky Reserve



SSN BOARD NEWS

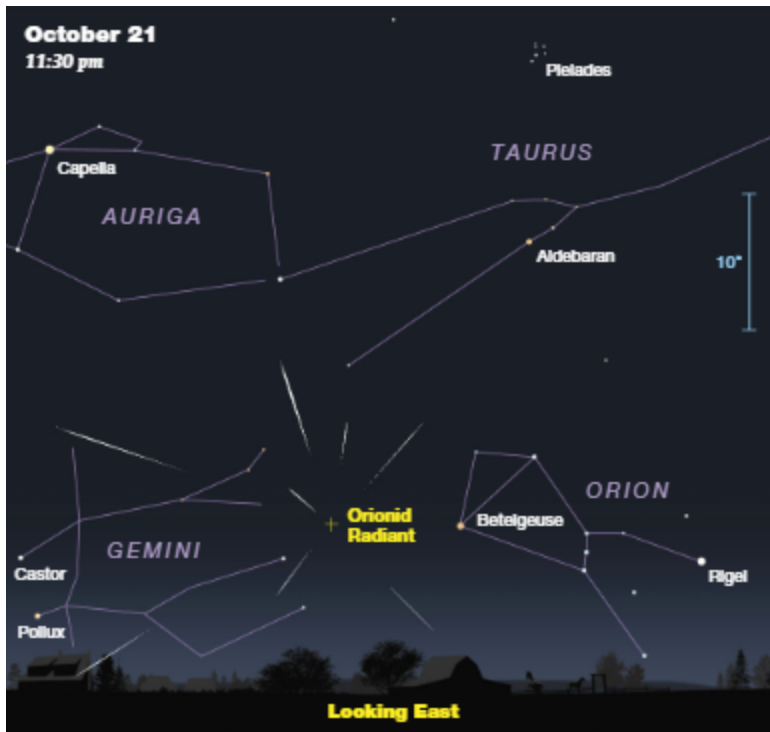
- **Annual Election of all officers.**
 - Only Dues-paying members can vote or serve -please support us [HERE](#)
 - **Current nominees: President:** Todd Burlet; **Vice-President:** Bob Foucault; **Treasurer:** Bob Groethe; **Secretary:** Lynn Moline (TBC)
 - **Nominations close TONIGHT** Please let us know if you are interested in serving!
- **Website support**
- **New Partner:** Conservation Minnesota -looking for shared events near Duluth

PUBLIC OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- October 21st: [International Observe the moon night](#) – Laura H
- MAS: Any group can organize a meeting at MAS and request a MAS star party

IN THE SKY

- Oct 14th -**Annular solar eclipse.** “Ring of Fire” Oregon->Texas; Partial in nearly all of N & S. America.
 - MN: Starts ~10:30AM; Max ~11:45AM; Ends ~1:10PM (varies by a few minutes across MN).
 - **Interactive Map** [HERE](#) (subtract 5 hours from UT to get CDT)
 - Starts on upper-right, slides across to lower-left
 - **Eye protection is required DURING THE ENTIRE ECLIPSE**
- Oct 21st: **BURN, HALLEY, BURN!!** Watch bits of **Halley’s Comet** get vaporized! It’s the annual Orionid shower
 - -no moon interference. Cloudy? Surrounding nights are also good.



AROUND THE ROOM

→ Add your topics & questions in Chat

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES & MORE

- Science: Use the [Interest Form](#) or contact caitlin@starryskiesnorth.org
- Finance: Inaugural Mtg October 9th. Contact bobg@starryskiesnorth.org
- Outreach: 4th Weds of the month, 7PM. Contact caroline@starryskiesnorth.org
- Advocacy (open seat) - help by leading the charge!
- Connect us with opportunities: Nature Centers, Friends of..., Parks and Trails, Education events, Festivals, etc

OLD BUSINESS

- SSN Brochure

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES:

Attendance:

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