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Star Parties at UIS to begin at end of March

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The University of Illinois Springfield's Friday night Star Parties will begin Friday, March 26, and continue through April 30 (excluding April 9), weather permitting.

Star Parties are held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the UIS observatory.

Conducted by UIS assistant professor of astronomy and physics John Martin, the Star Parties will use three telescopes to view a number of celestial objects, including the planets Mars and Saturn, the Orion Nebula, and the moon, when visible. Other double stars and star clusters will also be viewed.

Star Parties are free and open to the public.

Reservations are not required. The entrance to the observatory is outside the southeast corner of Brookens Library.

To learn whether the weather is suitable for viewing, call 206-8342 after 7 p.m. the evening of the Star Party.

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