

Heart of America Star Party

October 15 – October 21, 2009

Presented by the **Astronomical Society of Kansas City** at the **Dark Sky Site** developed for and by amateur astronomers:

- 40-acre site owned by ASKC near the Marais des Cynes River (pronounced: Mare-des-Zeen)
- Pristine parcel bordered by a 7,200-acre wildlife area
- Region known to French fur trappers in early 1800s.

Located for excellent observing:

- 75 miles south, away from Kansas City lights
- Nearly 6.7 limiting magnitude (based on SQM-L averages)
- New fall date in 2009 for cool, crisp night skies

Improved facilities with NEW building:

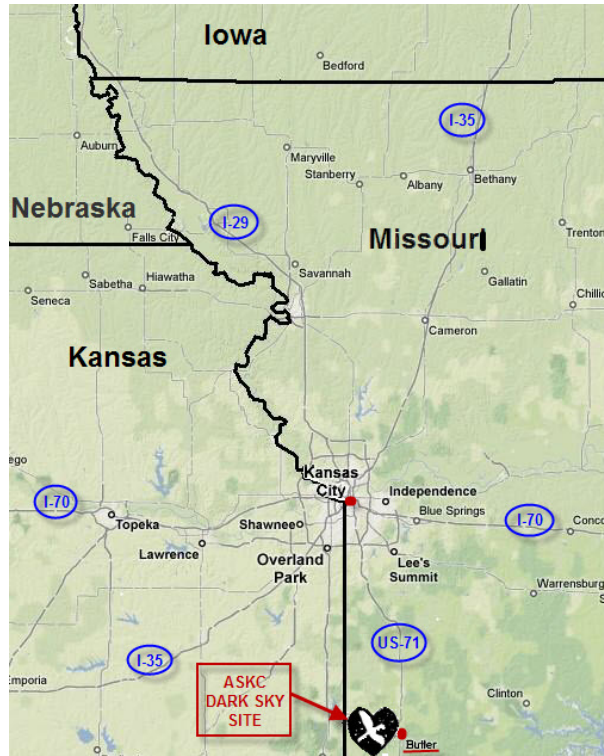
- Wide area has plenty of room for tents, trailers, and RVs
- Electricity for astronomical equipment, and laptops, free on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Port-a-potties and showers on site (please bring your own drinking water)
- NEW building provides a permanent shelter for programs and activities

Available nearby amenities and off-site activities:

- 15 miles from Butler, Mo. for hotels (with pools), restaurants, etc-- see www.ci.butler.mo.us
- Bates County Museum of Pioneer History, in Butler, more info-- <http://home.earthlink.net/~bcmuseum/>
- Nearby Mine Creek Museum with tours of Civil War site where the second-largest single-day cavalry battle was waged-- www.minecreek.org

Visit: www.hoasp.org for more information and pictures from last year's Star Party.

MAP:



(Driving directions furnished upon registration)

Activities:

Beginners Field School

Observing Challenge – We'll publish a list of challenge objects for all levels of proficiency.

Complete this section (front and back) and mail in (to address on the back):

Registrant: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Pre-Registration Fees – Save \$10.00
(Postmarked on or before September 26, 2009)

Adults: \$40.00 (x) _____ people = \$ _____

Ages 18 and under – Free

Single Day

Adults: \$25.00 (x) _____ people = \$ _____

Ages 18 and under – Free

On-site (Late) Registration Fees–

(After September 26, 2009)

Adult (\$50.00) (x) _____ people = \$ _____

Ages 18 and under - \$10.00

(x) _____ people = \$ _____

NO Refunds after September 26, 2009.

(Meals and Clothing on the Back)

Meals:

Thursday Dinner (\$6.00) x # of people: ____ = \$ ____
(Hamburger, hot dog or brat, baked beans, chips and drink)

Friday Breakfast (\$6.00) x # of people: ____ = \$ ____
(Breakfast burritos, fresh fruit, biscuits, cereal and drink)

Friday Dinner (\$10.00) x # of people: ____ = \$ ____
(by Next Year's Winner BBQ Team - Glazed bacon wrapped meatball appetizer, Star-BQ brisket and beef burnt ends, baked beans, zesty potato salad, desert and drink)

Sat. Breakfast (\$6.00) x # of people: ____ = \$ ____
(by Chris Cakes - "all-you-can-eat pancakes," sausage, cereal, fresh fruit and drink)

Sat. Dinner (\$10.00) x # of people: ____ = \$ ____
(by Next Year's Winner BBQ Team - Glazed bacon wrapped meatball appetizer, Star-BQ chicken and pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, desert and drink)

Sunday Breakfast (complementary)

TOTAL MEALS \$ _____

CLOTHING (Please Circle Size)

T-Shirts---- \$17 S M L XL 2XL 3XL \$ _____

L/S T-shirts-- \$20 S M L XL 2XL 3XL \$ _____

Sweatshirts-- \$24 S M L XL 2XL 3XL \$ _____

Hooded

Sweatshirts \$35 S M L XL 2XL 3XL \$ _____

Total registration, meals and clothing: \$ _____

Make checks payable to ASKC and mail promptly to:

Heart of America Star Party
c/o Mike Stewart
1100 Wellington Drive
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, October 15

Gates open at noon

Dinner - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 16

Breakfast - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Dinner - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Door Prizes - 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Speaker (TBA) - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Breakfast - 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Swap Meet - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dinner - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Door Prizes - 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Speaker (TBA) - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18

Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 19- Wednesday, October 21

No Activities or Meals

Thursday, October 22

Check out - 12:00 p.m.

Accommodations:

For those who prefer a roof over their head, we suggest these locations:

City of Butler:

1) **Super 8 Motel** - Jct. 52 and 71 Highway

Phone: 660-679-6183 or 1-800-800-8000

Single: \$54.99 **Double:** \$57.99

2) **Days Inn**- 100 Fran Avenue (just east of Conoco)

Phone: 660-679-4544

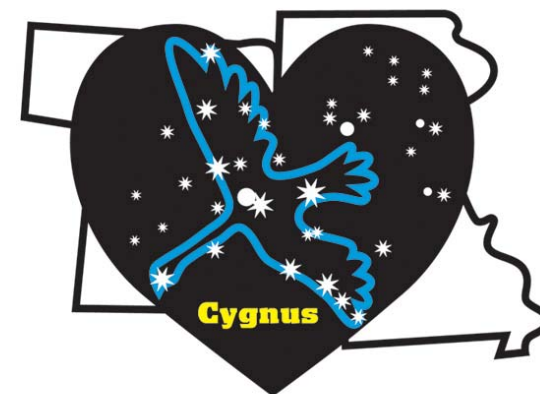
Single: \$54.90 **Double:** \$60.30

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