

**PROGRAM TITLE: Star Party and S'more**

**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Star gazing and making s'mores while waiting for it to get dark.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

Hershey chocolate (the packages that have 6 'mini' bars)

Marshmallows

Graham crackers

Toasting sticks (dollar store)

Ziploc baggies

Outdoor fire pit

**COST:** I spent about \$30 on the food. The toasting sticks were donated and the fire pit was a loan. The cost really depends on how many participants you have.

**PROGRAM PROCEDURE:** Contact Tony or your local astronomy person and ask them to throw a star party. My local guy, Tony, did this for free. He looked at the moon schedule and chose the best day for gazing. He brought all his nice telescopes and set them up. He showed the teens how to measure distance in the sky and how to use the telescopes. We got to see Saturn's rings--very cool!

Decide how many s'mores you want each person to have and then put the graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate in baggies before the program. This really prevents the greed factor. When it's gone, it's gone. Roast marshmallows and eat s'mores while waiting for it to get dark.

**OUTSIDE PRESENTER CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**USEFUL PLANNING RESOURCES**

<http://www.astronomy-shoppe.com/>

**SUGGESTIONS FOR MARKETING THIS PROGRAM**

Library website, school flyers, newspaper, posters, facebook, twitter

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

(Include duration of program, suggested number of participants)

We limited the participants to 50 and had a full house. We only had 3 telescopes and didn't want to make people wait too long to view. The whole program took about 90 minutes. We spent 30 minutes with the s'mores, and we spent about an hour learning about stars and viewing them.

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