



JULY 2014 - STAR BLAST

General Public Meeting Announcement

Wednesday July 9, 2014

(7:30pm - 9:00pm)

PROCTOR TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1711 Bryden Lane

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

[MAP](#)

“He insisted that stars were people so well loved, they were traced in constellations, to live forever”

— Jodi Picoult, My Sister's Keeper

Hello everyone,

Well here we are, halfway through our annual orbit around our Sun, again! Your SCAS is growing in membership, activities, and there's only more on the way.

Last month we had excellent presentations by three of our Young Astronomers, Hunter Ward, Phillip Hebenstreit, and Harry Prasetya. Everyone was very taken with the personal knowledge, enthusiasm, and personalities of these young astronomers. We should also thank (Len Nelson YA Advisor) for coordinating and presenting this great experience. Become a member!

Join Now!

☆ July's Guest Speaker ☆



Dr. Mandeep S.S. Gill

Will be speaking on the topic:

'Cosmology and Gravitational Lensing'

Dr. Mandeep S. S. Gill's Overview

Current

Observational Cosmologist at SLAC/CBPF

Past

Observational Cosmologist at OSU

Postdoc at LBNL

Grad student / postdoc at SLAC

Education

The Ohio State University

Stanford University

University of California, Berkeley

Wednesday Evening's Program Schedule

7:00pm - Doors open

7:30pm – Meeting starts

- SCAS Business – Mike Dranginis (President)
- Welcome new members and guests – Jim DeManche (Vice President)
- 'What's Up' Segment – Len Nelson, (YA Adviser)
- Recent SCAS Field Trips – Jim Goodenough and Linda Sinkay

7:50pm – Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

8:00pm – Special Guest Speaker 'Dr. Mandeep S.S. Gill'

9:00pm – Meeting Concludes

★August's Program – SCAS Annual Star-B-Que★ Saturday – August 16, 2014

There will be no 2nd Wednesday 'General Public Meeting' for August.

- Meet at the Robert Ferguson Observatory beginning at 2:00pm
- Pot-Luck theme, so bring something to share and (*share the grill*)
- Bring your telescope, binoculars, star maps, and red flashlights
- Stargazing, telescope familiarization for newcomers, star tours
- Camping under the stars at beautiful Sugarloaf Ridge State Park



☆October's Special SCAS Program Event☆



An Evening with Professor Alex Filippenko

A benefit for 'Save Lick Observatory'
(Professor of Astronomy at UC Berkeley)

'Exploring the Frontiers of Astronomy and the Lick Observatory'

Wednesday - October 8, 2014

7:00pm – 9:00pm

(Generously Hosted by)

The Sonoma Academy - 'Black Box Theater'

2500 Farmer's Lane

Santa Rosa, CA

(There will be no regular meeting at Proctor Terrace Elementary School that night)

Tickets are now on sale!

Preferred seating (\$30.00)

Regular Bleacher seating (\$25.00)

You can purchase tickets or donate online at: <http://www.rfo.org/filippenko-event.html>

Or address your check or donation to:

Sonoma County Astronomical Society

(Attn: Save Lick Observatory)

P.O. Box 183

Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Seating is limited to 225 overall, so don't wait!