



2026 Spring Star Party Schedule

(free and open to the public)



Doors open at 5:30, programs begin at 6:00 until 8:00

Sunday, January 25th

- *Halley's Comet and STS-51L*
- Bill Floyd, UTC Challenger Center

Sunday, February 1st

- *Volcanoes of the Solar System*
- Amy Brock-Hon, UTC Professor of Geology

Sunday, February 8th

- *Once Around Orion: Constellation Lore and Interesting Objects*
- Richard Clements, Chattanooga State Professor of Environmental Science

Sunday, February 15th

- *Love in Deep Space: Cosmic Attraction*
- Steven Kline, Observatory Director

Sunday, February 22nd

- *Where Have the Fireflies Gone? Artificial Light's Impact on Biodiversity*
- Tommy McElrath, Adjunct Faculty at Covenant College

Sunday, March 1st

- *What It Looks Like When Stars Die*
- Steven Kline, Observatory Director

Time Change: *Doors open at 6:30, programs begin at 7:00 until 9:00*

Sunday, March 8th

- *Sisterhood of the Stars*
- Lani Chastain, B.S. Physics

Sunday, March 15nd and Sunday, March 22nd

- *No Star Party (UTC Spring Break)*

Sunday, March 29th

- *Geology of the Moon*
- Amy Brock-Hon, UTC Professor of Geology

Sunday, April 5th

- *A Field Guide to Meteorites*
- Jeremy Bramblett, UTC Professor of Geology

Sunday, April 12th

- *Formation of the Earth: A Story of our Solar System, Asteroids, and Meteor Impacts!*
- Kevin Hon, UTC Adjunct Professor of Geology

Note: Planetarium shows are also provided each evening with topics highlighting current celestial events and constellations in the night sky while also generally supporting the lecture