



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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