

Kartchner Caverns State Park

Saturday, March 26

Star Night at Kartchner Caverns



Starts at 5:30 pm. On Saturday, March 26, everyone is invited to Star Night at Kartchner Caverns. The event starts off with Kartchner Caverns Astronomer **Bob Gent** presenting an “Introduction to the Night Skies of Kartchner” talk in the Discovery Center auditorium at 5:30 pm. Later, enjoy the magnificent night skies through telescopes of the [Huachuca Astronomy Club](#) and **JD Maddy**, President of the [Astronomers of Verde Valley](#)

In the event of heavy cloud cover or rain, there will be an abbreviated program including slide talks held in the auditorium.

What will we see? The planet Saturn will be rising in the eastern skies after sunset, and the Great Orion nebula will be in the southwestern skies. In addition to many other wonders of the night sky, everyone will enjoy seeing galaxies from far, far away. *[Left, Saturn image courtesy of NASA's Cassini spacecraft.]*



What to bring: folding chair, red light, sweater or jacket, enthusiasm to enjoy and conserve our beautiful night skies. Entrance fees: \$6/vehicle for the night of viewing, instruction and family fun. Come spend a cool evening with your family and friends at the park, and observe the wonders of the night sky through several astronomers' telescopes. Can't make it? The next scheduled Star Night at this park will be Sept. 24, 2011 and at [Alamo Lake](#) on Nov. 19, 2011.