

# CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY ASTRONOMERS' CONJUNCTION

FRIDAY, JULY 16 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 18  
AT THE NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL  
CENTER, NORTHFIELD, MASS.

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Connecticut Valley area amateur astronomers and their families are cordially invited to enjoy a weekend of observing, learning, and good fellowship in an enjoyable rural environment at the Northfield Mountain Environmental Center. Many interesting activities have been planned, including a paper session, swap table, nearby camping on the river, and optional field trips. Amateurs are also encouraged to bring their telescopes for Friday and Saturday night observing sessions. This will be an ideal opportunity for members of Connecticut Valley area astronomy clubs to meet each other and share their common interest. We look forward to seeing you!

## FEATURES

Papers - Informal paper session on Saturday afternoon.

Observing - Observing sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings. If you have a scope, bring it along; however you don't have to own one in order to participate.

Swap Table - Bring anything astronomical to sell or swap all day Saturday.

Scenic Riverboat Ride - The geology and natural history of the Connecticut Valley will be discussed during the Saturday morning riverboat ride (optional).

Camping - Group camping on the Connecticut River at Barton's Cove, Gill, Mass.

Keynote Speaker - On Saturday evening, our keynote speaker will be a professional astronomer from the University of Massachusetts.

Observatory Field Trip - Radio or optical telescope.

Barbecue - Group picnic Saturday evening.

Call For Papers: Anyone who would like to present a non-technical paper or slide show of about half an hour in length is asked to include a note describing the talk along with your registration form. Please include expected length of show and telephone number.

Coordinators: Carolyn Boardman (413)659-3714; Jack Megas (413)782-3962; Rich Sanderson (413)737-7494; Ron Woodland (413)238-5318.

Keynote Speaker - Our Saturday evening keynote speaker will be Dr. David J. Van Blerkom, Associate Professor of Astronomy, and Chairman of the U-Mass Astronomy Dept. He will be speaking about the 5-College Radio Telescope at Quabbin.

Observatory Field Trip - On Sunday morning, a charter bus will leave from the Northfield Mountain Environmental Center to visit the 5-College Radio Telescope at Quabbin, one of the finest of its kind in the world.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration form and return it, with payment, by ~~June 15~~. Make checks payable to Western Mass. Electric Co., and return to the following address:

*AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*

Richard Sanderson  
 P.O. Box 812  
 West Springfield, Mass. 01089

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

	No. of Participants	Price Per Person	Sub- total
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Registration (children under 16 free).....	_____	\$2.00	_____
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Camping Friday night.....	_____	1.00	_____
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Camping Saturday night.....	_____	1.00	_____
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Riverboat ride on Connecticut River.....	_____	3.00	_____
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*Observatory field trip (bus).....	_____	3.50	_____
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Saturday evening barbecue.....	_____	5.00	_____
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GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED (check or money order) \_\_\_\_\_

\*subject to cancellation if less than 25 participants

For more information, contact one of the coordinators:  
 Carolyn Boardman (413)659-3714; Jack Megas (413)782-3962;  
 Rich Sanderson (413)737-7494; Ron Woodland (413)238-5318,  
 or write to the address indicated above.