



SAC SkyWatch 2026-2027 Schedule

All SkyWatches & Star Parties are FREE !!!

1. SkyWatches on 2nd Fridays from Oct 2026 through March 2027. **The Fall and Spring Star Parties will be held on the 2st Friday of Sept and April.** The early start times for the star parties will allow for safe solar observing before sunset. Solar and night observing through SAC member telescopes.
2. Light Refreshments and socializing to follow after the SkyWatch presentations in Rm 229, Peters Science Hall, KWU. Also, on nights when we do NOT have an off-campus Star Party; attendees will have an opportunity to observe the night sky through the KWU Observatory telescope, weather-permitting. If clouds prevent observing, we can still give observatory tour to new attendees.

Topic	Speaker	Date	Time
Fall Star Party/ Constellation IDing under the stars	NA	11-Sep-26	6 to 10:30 pm
Fall Constellations	Dorothy Hanna	9-Oct-26	7:30 to 10 pm
History of Navigation & Navigating to the Stars (Lunar Observing before talk from 5:30 to 7 PM)	David Hanson	13-Nov-26	7:30 to 10 pm
Voyager Mission	Mark Ingelin	11-Dec-26	7:30 to 10 pm
Space Junk	Dallas Stewart	8-Jan-27	7:30 to 10 pm
Interstellar Medium	Jeffrey Kasoff	12-Feb-27	7:30 to 10 pm
Deep Space Chemistry Part II	Dorothy Hanna	12-Mar-27	7:30 to 10 pm
Spring Star Party/ Constellation IDing under the stars	NA	9-Apr-27	6 to 10:30 pm

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	% Illuminated	Phase
11-Sep-26	0709	1949	0741	1955	1	Waxing Crescent
9-Oct-26	0734	1904	0632	1821	1	Waning Crescent
13-Nov-26	0711	1721	1121	2031	19	Waxing Crescent
11-Dec-26	0730	1710	0858	1923	8	Waxing Crescent
8-Jan-27	0750	1725	0834	1817	1	Waxing Crescent
12-Feb-27	0728	1804	0959	0033 A	33	Waxing Crescent
12-Mar-27	0650	1834	0834	2335	22	Waxing Crescent
9-Apr-27	0706	2001	0813	2335	11	Waxing Crescent

Times are local Central Time for Salina, Kansas. Sep, Oct, & Apr are CDT. CST in the other months.

Note: Daylight Savings Time ends 1-Nov-2026 and starts 14-Mar-2027.

Footnote A – Moonset after midnight. The Crescent Moon will be visible at Nov SkyWatch before 7 PM and at Feb, Mar, and Apr SkyWatch Events

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