



Geneva Lake Conservancy

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Children can learn about the night sky this fall with GLAS and GLC

Geneva Lake Astrophysics & STEAM and Geneva Lake Conservancy announced a new educational program for children this fall: Guided Night-Hikes & Star Gazing. Children will get a chance to learn about the night sky, stars, and planets under the guidance of professional astronomers.

Children and their parents will meet staff at the barn located at the end of the boardwalk at Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park – located at 159 Elkhorn Road in Williams Bay. Children will then hike with GLAS and GLC staff through Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park either back to the barn, or ahead to the Kishwaukee Observatory Deck, where GLAS staff will have set up an observation-area. If weather permits, children will have the opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope. Afterwards, they can join GLAS and GLC staff in a fun astronomy-related arts and crafts activity.

According to Danielle Eng, Dark Skies Coordinator, "Getting children involved in astronomy and connected with the sky allows them to grow their own sense of purpose, being, and connection in our world. The relationships we build with our surroundings and environment are crucial to how we think about our responsibilities to the earth. Through these programs, we hope to inspire the next generation of leaders in environmental stewardship, science, and, of course, astronomy."

The program began on October 7th, with dates running through the fall and winter. Each month will have a different theme, such as: Asterisms & Planets, Dark Skies & Light Pollution, Nocturnal Animals, and Meteor Showers. The next program will take place on Thursday, October 21st, at 6:30pm. Please visit the Conservancy website at www.genevalakeconservancy.org for future dates. The GLAS and GLC ask that individuals please register in advance by calling GLC's office at (262) 275-5700.