

Our Current and New Location Fox Island County Park



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New Observatory Open Design Concept



New Observatory Fox Island County Park



New Telescope: 16 inch LX400 ACF

Our new telescope will be among the most advanced telescopes currently made, featuring advanced optics for public viewing, CCD imaging, and scientific study by members and serious students.

A telescoping pier will allow access for wheelchair observers.



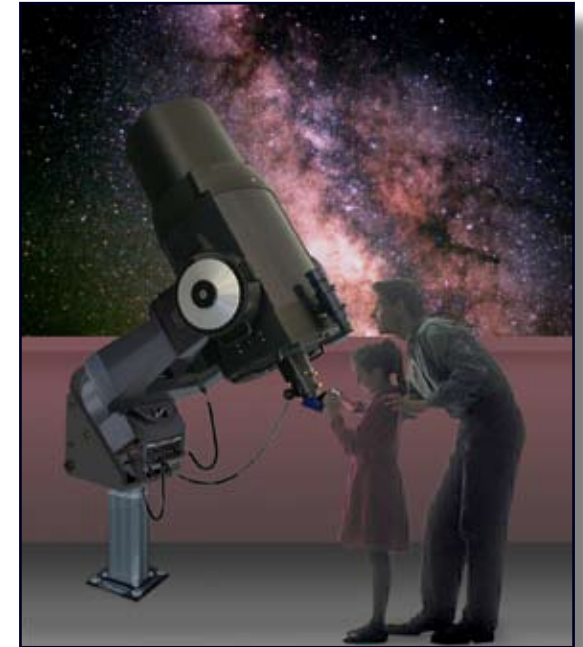
Call Ron Kerr, 260-432-8763 for information on other opportunities or specific needs.

Commitments can be mailed to:

Treasurer
Fort Wayne Astronomical Society
P.O. Box 11093
Fort Wayne, IN 46855

STAR*QUEST

A Whole New Vision of the Night Sky!



Fort Wayne Astronomical Society

(Established: 1958)

Star*Quest is a project of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society to assess and update our vision and mission for the next 50 years. As we celebrate our past 50 years of service, we also celebrate 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy and the 400th anniversary of when Galileo pointed a telescope to the night sky in 1609 and began an era of astronomy and science that continues to flourish at accelerating rates.



At the heart of the Star*Quest project will be a new updated and relocated observatory at Fox Island County Park. Its new larger telescope will continue to offer free public viewing with clearer and better views of even more distant objects. And it will find objects faster with "go-to" technology. The new observatory location will feature a much improved horizon for finding objects and learning the sky.

Plus, the new observatory will be accessible to people with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs

The FWAS will continue to make the night sky available in the best possible way to the Greater Fort Wayne area and beyond.



Thank you for whatever help you give.



A Relocation and Upgrade Project at Fox Island County Park

Goal: \$250,000

Telescope	\$	20,000
Site & Building	\$	210,000
Computer, Web	\$	20,000

Levels of Gifts:

Universe	\$ 10,000	- plus
Galaxy	\$ 5,000	- \$ 9,999
Star	\$ 3,000	- \$ 4,999
Planet	\$ 500	- \$ 2,999
Friends of Astronomy	\$ 1.00	- \$ 499

Special plaques will be made with donors names.

A listing of Star and Planet contributors will be hung in the observatory.

The names of everyone who contributes will be placed in a "memory book" and kept in the observatory.

A Summary of the Past 10 Years:

Number of star parties where attendance was available:	133
Attendance, children/youth	3,674
Attendance, adults	1,614
Number of star parties where attendance is unknown	65
Clear Saturday nights public viewing at the observatory (estimated)	5,000+
PLUS: Major Special events:	
Solar Eclipse (1995)	2,500
Showing of Mars (2003)	3,000+
Transit of Venus (2004)	75-100
3-Rivers Festival annual participant	

My Gift to Star*Quest

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Amount of Gift \$ _____

One Time Gift

A Commitment Given over 3 years.

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