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How to Buy a Telescope



Before you leap into a telescope purchase for the holidays, learn what to look for. A poor decision will only leave you frustrated, whereas a good telescope will yield hours of satisfaction under the night sky.

The Michiana Astronomical Society will host a casual opportunity to talk with experienced telescope owners who will gladly show you different scopes and accessories. It's informal one-on-one dialogue, so drop by anytime between 4 PM and 7 PM on Monday, November 19, in the Lion's Room of the downtown Mishawaka public library.



Veteran telescope owner/user [Jim Hopkins](#) of Naperville, IL, will guide the discussion and show you the ropes so you are comfortable with your choices, whether you are looking at an entry-level scope for the kids or a high-grade instrument for a backyard observatory.



Discuss strengths and weaknesses of each telescope type, their costs, recommended accessories, ease of transportation and setup, and types of eyepieces. Typical scopes will be on-site. Supporting handouts on scope-buying are free.

If you have any particularly challenging issues, [send me a note](#) in advance and I'll get it to Jim so he can prepare beforehand.

Please help spread the word--and prevent post-holiday angst--by posting a flyer about this useful session. Click and print [flyer-HowToBuyScope3.pdf](#), then display it in a public venue. Thanks.

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