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2012 Staff

LOU SANDOCK

Lou is the founder of today's Kids AstroCamp! He loves the night skies and loves introducing the campers to them. He is mentor to the teachers and friend to all campers who share his interest. He tells the best Camp Eberhart stories – just ask him during a campfire!

LINDA MARKS

DARREN DRAKE

TOM SCHULTZ

Tom has been an amateur astronomer for over 40 years, with a focus on deep-sky observational astronomy. He has been an AstroCamp volunteer for most of the past 10 years. He is most known for the 12.5" Portable and binocular he brings to the camp each year. Tom has a B.S. degree in Applied Math & Physics.

CHUCK BUETER

Chuck has been a skywatcher since he was part of the Merchant Marines many years ago. An ardent sailor, he loves going out on the waters of Lake Michigan to seek the darkest skies. He is a member of the International Dark Skies Association as well as the Great Lakes Planetarium Association. Ask him about the Transit of Venus!

RUTH CRAFT

For the past ten years Ruth has been the director of the Kennedy Planetarium in South Bend providing astronomy programming for students in grades K - 6. She is also involved with the Michiana Astronomical Society and have been very active with public outreach events, sharing her love for the night sky through telescope viewing and interactive astronomy activities with children and adults.

JASON BLASCHKA

I am a long time amateur astronomer, Cloudy Nights.com Administrator and Lead Volunteer/Coordinator for Fox Park Public Observatory near Potterville (teaching Astrophotography and Astronomy basics). Spend my free time imaging our night sky using all sorts of equipment, most recently with a Modified Canon DSLR or attending the many events that my wife and 5 children are involved in.

ELLIOTT PEARSON

Elliott has been an astrocamper for at least 5 years, and in 2011 he was the CIT for AstroCamp. He has earned many certificates for his efforts, and is a proficient observer. He hails from Detroit, MI, and it is hoped that he will continue to be part of the fold here at Camp Eberhart!

DAVE VANCE

Dave was Head of Astronomy at Camp Eberhart in 1971/72 after being on the Astro staff from 1967-1970. Following his love of astronomy, he went to MIT to pursue astrophysics but discovered he enjoyed political science and economics even more. Dave has doctorate from Note Dame in Economics, a masters from Indiana in Business Administration and a bachelor's degree from MIT in political science. He was Chief Economist and head of Business Intelligence for Caterpillar Inc. before founding Caterpillar University in 2001 which provides training and education for Cat employees. Dave retired from Caterpillar in 2007 and now lives in Colorado with his wife and their two dogs where he consults and writes.

NATHAN WRIGHT

My name is Nathan Wright and I am an avid amateur astronomer living in Northern Illinois. I am an active member of the "Northwest Suburban Astronomers", a club in the Chicago land area and have assisted/participated in public star parties and Astronomy Day programs. I have worked on teacher/student educational astronomy material at Yerkes Observatory in Wisconsin including making computer animations for use with the Kuiper Hemisphere: a 3D planet visualization aid originally built to un-stretch film images of the moon taken near the limb. I have shown the moon planets and deep sky objects through my telescopes to many adults and children at home and at star parties. I have extensive deep-sky observing experience and can locate most messier objects and several NGC objects from memory. I also do solar, lunar, planetary, and wide-field astro- imaging with digital cameras.

FRANKLIN MARSH

Franklin is a senior at Sycamore High School in Sycamore, IL. He's the founding member and president of the astronomy club at his high school, and is a member of the Northwest Suburban Astronomers in Illinois. He has been interested in astronomy since he was 10.

LEE KEITH

Lee's interest in astronomy began in 3rd grade. In middle school, Lee got a job as a newspaper carrier to save the \$100 to buy a 4 inch telescope. In high school, Lee ground and polished his own telescope optics for a 6 inch telescope, which he still has. He then bought a 10 inch telescope and was the 20th person in the country to earn the coveted and prestigious Herschel Certificate for observing 400 celestial objects. Lee spent 15 years teaching Astronomy classes for adults and children at UW-Sheboygan and UW-Waukesha and has had an article published in Astronomy magazine. He is active in the Milwaukee Astronomical Society, serving 6 years on the Board of Directors and as President.

STEVE ACCUOSTI

Steve is our telescope fix-it man! He has been into astronomy for 10 years and can find a few things in the sky. He is still learning to navigate the night sky. He loves to look at M13, the Hercules Cluster. He will help us when we launch our water bottle rockets on Friday.

CHUCK RUPLEY

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