

**25th Annual Fremont Peak Star-B-Que
Potluck Picnic, Super Star Party, and Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 17, 2010
At Fremont Peak State Park**

This is a GREAT way to meet amateur astronomers and enjoy the fun side of astronomy.

YOU ARE INVITED: Anyone interested in astronomy or Fremont Peak State Park is welcome. You do not have to be a member of a club to attend.

FREE! Potluck. Please pay \$6 parking fee in the main parking area. Overflow parking in Doe Flat.

RSVP: Call (831) 623-2465 or e-mail info@fpoa.net and leave your name and number of guests. **RSVP by July 12** so we can purchase enough food for everyone.



DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Mark Van Stone, author of "It's Not the End of the World - What the Ancient Maya Tell us about 2012", will give a presentation about the Mayan calendar and separate fact from fiction regarding the 2012 calendar end.



RAFFLE! Sam Sweiss, of *Scope City*, will be conducting the raffle again. There will be two grand prizes this year - Vixen R130Sf 5.1 inch f/5.0 with Porta II package and an Orion StarSeeker 130mm 5.1 inch f/5.0 with GoTo. Many other fine prizes will be donated by Scope City, Orion, Vixen, and other local vendors, plus a personalized, autographed copy of Dr. Van Stone's book.

POTLUCK: Begins at 4:30 p.m. in the area below the observatory. We will provide meat (hamburgers and chicken), condiments, soft drinks and utensils. Please bring a side dish, dessert, salad or your favorite dish to share.



ASTRONOMICAL-GASTRONOMICAL CONTEST: Bring a dish having an astronomical theme and maybe you will win a fabulous prize! Entries will be judged based on culinary ingenuity, looks and astronomical relevance! Please enter by 6:00 p.m., by placing your dish—suitably labeled—on the food table. Entries arriving late may be consumed without judging! A prize will be awarded.

TRIVIA CONTEST: The traditional Astronomical Trivia Contest will be held after we eat. And there will be fabulous prizes for the winners.

KIDS ACTIVITIES: Making and measuring craters, Star clock, Scale model of the solar system, and measuring angles from the horizon are some of the activities planned for the kids.

ANNUAL MEETING: Vote by 6:30 for three board directors. Send nominations to info@fpoa.net.

GETTING THERE: Take US 101 to State Route 156, 15 miles south of Gilroy and 20 miles north of Salinas. Go east on SR156 2.9 miles to the traffic signal. Turn right and watch carefully for the Fremont Peak State Park signs. After going 0.3 miles you will jog left then immediately right. Important! You should see a county road "G1" sign and a "Not A Through Road" sign. You should also see a "Fremont Peak State Park" sign. Then it is 11 miles to the park. **Check www.fpoa.net for more detailed directions.**

With some GPS units, this street address will get you close:
6878 San Juan County Rd. San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.

36.7602° N 121.4987° W or 36° 45.614' N 121° 29.922' W or 36° 45' 36.8" N 121° 29' 55.4" W

SEE WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY! After dark you can look through the 30-inch Challenger Telescope and see stars and stuff in the sky as you have never seen them before...especially if it's clear.

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