THE TEXAS STAR PARTY 2013 TELESCOPE OBSERVING CLUB

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Welcome to the Texas Star Party's Telescope Observing Club. The purpose of this club is not to test your observing skills by throwing the toughest objects at you that are hard to see under any conditions, but to give you an opportunity to observe 25 showcase objects under the ideal conditions of these pristine West Texas skies, thus displaying them to their best advantage. The regular observing program is **" I Have No Idea Where I Am**". You need to observe 25 of 29 objects to get your pin, but if you are using a smaller scope and have a little trouble with some of the objects, just mark it as "tried" and move on, and you will get credit for the object. A big THANK YOU to Blackie Bolduc for the idea of this year's program. We are also bringing back **"2012"** from last year. This is a list of 28 objects. All 28 objects must be observed.

That's it. Any size telescope can be used. <u>All observations must be made at the Texas Star Party to qualify</u>. All objects are within range of small (6") to medium sized (10") telescopes, and are available for observation between 9:00PM and 3:00AM any time during the TSP. Each person completing this list will receive an official Texas Star Party Telescope Observing Club lapel pin. These pins are not sold at the TSP and can only be acquired by completing the program, so wear them proudly.

To receive your pin, turn in your observations to *John Wagoner - TSP Observing Chairman* any time during the Texas Star Party. I will be at the outside door leading into the TSP Meeting Hall each day between 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM. except Saturday (10:00-11:30 AM). If you finish the list the last night of TSP, or I am not available to give you your pin, just mail your observations to me at 1409 Sequoia Dr., Plano, Tx. 75023, and I will see that you get a pin.

Good luck and good observing. Now, let's get out there and observe!!!

P.S. If you would like to see some of your favorite objects on a future TSP program, or have any ideas for a new program, let me know during TSP or email me at john@wagoner.org

For those of you who missed previous TSP's, pins for the following programs are still available: 2011 – Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! - 2010 – About Face. --- 2009 – Texas Star Party 5X5 --- 2007 - Be A Sap (Shapley-Ames Person) 2006 – Eye in the Sky --- 2004 – Starlight, Starbright 2003 - The Great Celestial A.R.C." (Asterisms, Radio sources, & Clusters)

You can download these observing programs from the TSP website: www.texasstarparty.org.

"I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM"

Object	Туре	R.A.	Dec	Con	Size	Mag	Date	Time
NGC 2129	OpCl	06 02	+24 05	Gem	6.0	6.7		
NGC 2681	Glxy	08 54	+51 19	Uma	4.0	10.3		
NGC 2682	OpCl	08 52	+11 46	Cnc	25.0	6.6	M67	
NGC 2683	Glxy	08 53	+33 25	Lyn	9x3	9.8		
NGC 2903	Glxy	09 33	+21 27	Leo	12x6	8.9		
NGC 3115	Glxy	10 06	-07 46	Sex	8x3	9.0		
NGC 3344	Glxy	10 44	+24 55	Lmi	7.0	9.9		
NGC 3923	Glxy	11 51	-28 48	Нуа	7x5	9.6		
NGC 3962	Glxy	11 55	-13 58	Crt	3.0	10.7		
NGC 4526	Glxy	12 34	+07 42	Vir	7x3	9.7		
Stargate	Ast	12 36	-12 05	Crv	15.0	7.5		
NGC 5024	GbCl	13 13	+18 10	Com	13.0	7.5	M53	
NGC 5033	Glxy	13 14	+36 32	Cvn	10x4	10.0		
NGC 5248	Glxy	13 38	+08 53	Boo	6.0	10.3		
NGC 5897	GbCl	15 18	-21 01	Lib	13.0	8.6	Tough	
NGC 5904	GbCl	15 19	+02 03	Ser	28.0	5.8	M5	
NGC 6144	GbCl	16 27	-26 01	Sco	7.0	9.0		
NGC 6210	PlNeb	16 45	+23 49	Her	14sec	8.8		
NGC 6572	PlNeb	18 12	+06 51	Oph	8sec	8.1		
NGC 6626	GbC1	18 25	-24 52	Sgr	15.0	6.8	M28	
Kimble 2	Ast	18 35	+72 23	Dra	20.0	5.6		
NGC 6694	OpCl	18 46	-09 22	Sct	7.0	8.2	M26	
NGC 6709	OpCl	18 52	+10 20	Aql	13.0	6.7		
NGC 6779	GbCl	19 17	+30 11	Lyr	7.0	8.3	M56	
NGC 6838	GbCl	19 54	+18 47	Sge	7.2	8.0	M71	
NGC 6891	PlNeb	20 16	+12 44	Del	15sec	10.0		
NGC 6910	OpCl	20 24	+40 48	Cyg	10.0	7.0		
NGC 6940	OpCl	20 35	+28 19	Vul	15.0	6.3		
NGC 7510	OpCl	23 12	+60 34	Сер	5.0	7.9		