

# The Kiski Astronomers in Association with the Washington/Bell Lions Club

## Present (Free, Public) Star Parties at Kunkle Park, Washington Township, Westmoreland County, PA



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Moon Phase</u>	<u>Solar System Highlights</u>
Sat, May 2, 2009	8:00 PM to Midnight (weather permitting)	First Quarter + 1 Day 63% illuminated	The Moon, lunar “seas”, mountains & craters, Double Stars, Star Clusters and Nebulae, Saturn
Sat, June 13, 2009	8:00 PM to Midnight (weather permitting)	Full Moon + 6 days 67% illuminated	Many Double Stars, Star Clusters and Nebulae, Saturn
Sat, July 11, 2009	8:00 PM to Midnight (weather permitting)	Full Moon + 4 days 81% illuminated	Many Double Stars, Star Clusters and Nebulae, Saturn low in west, Jupiter low in east
Sat, August 8, 2009	8:00 PM to Midnight (weather permitting)	Full Moon + 2 days 91% illuminated	Many Double Stars, Star Clusters and Nebulae, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune
Sat, September 12, 2009	8:00 PM to Midnight (weather permitting)	Third Quarter Moon 38% illuminated	Many Double Stars, Star Clusters and Nebulae, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune

**Kiski Astronomers star parties are scheduled in Kunkle Park, Washington Township, the first Saturday in May and the second Saturday of each month, June through September.** They will officially begin after sunset as darkness falls, although some objects may be able to be observed while the sky is still blue. **Star parties are held “weather permitting”.** Lightning storms, rain or totally cloudy skies will cancel the events. Remember to dress warmly. Coats and hats are recommended, even in the summer, the nights can get chilly. Please cover flashlights with red cellophane to help preserve night vision.

In addition to the above highlights, **double stars** of various colors, **star clusters** of dozens to thousands of stars, the remains of exploded stars, gaseous **nebulae** where stars are being born, and entire **galaxies** of stars may also be observed, depending upon the month and observing conditions.

Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Lions Club.

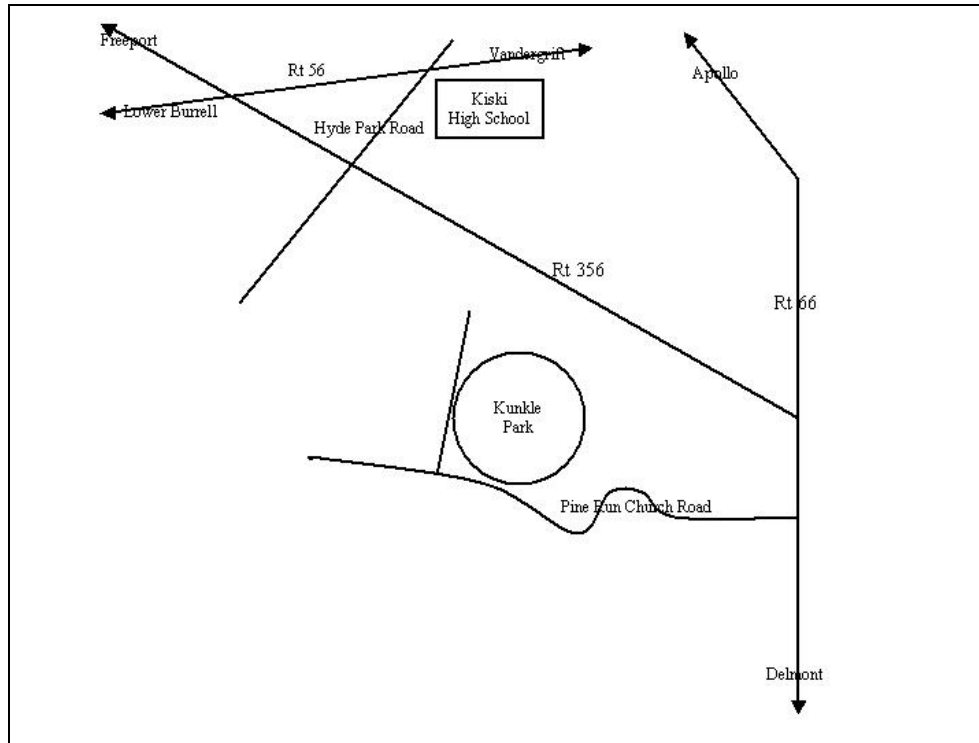
Additional information about the Kiski Astronomers Star Parties may be obtained from: <http://home.comcast.net/~kiskiastronomers/>  
Terry Trees, Star Party Coordinator: 724-337-3231, or the individuals listed on the reverse side of this document.

# The Kiski Astronomers

... is a small club with members from Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler and Westmoreland counties that enjoys gathering to share the wonders of the night sky. In addition to monthly club meetings at Kiski Area High School, free public star parties are held at Kunkle Park in the warmer months. We have a friendly and personal touch in our astronomy club that makes newcomers feel welcome. It doesn't matter what background you have in astronomy. You can be someone who just wonders what it's all about or you could be an avid observer. You might own a telescope or you might not. Our club is eager to help you as you explore the hobby of astronomy.

**Club meetings** are held the **first Thursday** of each month, **7:00 PM**, September thru May in the **LGI Room** at **Kiski Area High School** near Leechburg, Pa. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

Where to find us:



Information about the Kiski Astronomers may be obtained from: <http://home.comcast.net/~kiskiastronomers/>  
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