Would you like to take pictures of the Moon, Saturn or the Milky Way? Each month, on a selected Saturday evening after the regular program, the Observatory features astrophotography programs where anyone with a 35mm single-lens reflex (SLR) camera (a camera with a removable lens) can take celestial photographs.

On Saturday, May 18th and June 15th at 11:00 pm the astrophotography programs will focus their attention on the beautiful ringed planet, Saturn. Then, on Saturday, July 13th at 11:00 pm, the program will feature our nearest celestial neighbor, the Moon. For these photography programs it is recommended that your camera have the ability to shoot color pictures at ISO 400, 800 or 1600. Your camera will be attached to the 16-inch telescope, using it as a giant telephoto lens.

On Saturday, August 10th at 11:00 pm the Observatory features an astrophotography program where you will use your camera and telephoto lens to capture a striking image of the Milky Way. For this program , you will need to bring a cable release and telephoto lens, in addition to your camera.

Note that if you do not have Bring a USB flash drive with you and the Observatory will let you use their digital SLR camera to take your astronomy photographs. When you have finished, your pictures will be transferred to your flash drive for you to take home and enjoy.

Opening Times and Admission

The Lake Afton Public Observatory

Public Program Schedule May 1 – August 31, 2013

Program	Мау	Fridays and Saturdays
Black Holes in Space	9:00-11:00 pm	May 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31
	9:00-11:00 pm	May 10-11
Moons, Rings & Other Things	9:00-11:00 pm	May 17-18
Bring Your Own Telescope	9:00 pm	Friday, May 17