

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE – Winter/Spring 2024

The Department of Physics & Astronomy, Valparaiso University continues its series of public astronomy programs for Winter/Spring 2024. In addition to our regular Observatory Open House program, we will host a public demonstration of our remote use of the SARA Telescope in Chile, as listed below. Each Open House program will include telescope viewing at the VU Observatory (clear nights) or a constellation and slide show program at the VU Planetarium (cloudy nights). These are free and the public is invited.

<b>Fri., Jan.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>
<b>Fri., Feb.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>
<b>Fri., Feb.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>
<b>Fri., Apr.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>
<b>Fri., Apr.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>
		<b>9:30-10:30 p.m.</b>	<b>SARA Public Demonstration</b>
<b>Fri., May</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8:30-9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Observatory</b>

**OBSERVATORY:** On the clear nights, viewing will be carried out with the VU computer-controlled telescope. Come and enjoy views of the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies. Go to our website at [www.valpo.edu/physics](http://www.valpo.edu/physics) after 5 p.m. on these dates to confirm if the weather is clear enough for the Observatory to open. The Observatory is located in southeast corner of campus, near the intersection of US 30 and Sturdy Road, and behind Gellerson Center. Parking is available. The schedule and maps are also available on the above web site. (Groups should make separate arrangements by calling 464-5369.)

**SARA OBSERVING:** The public is invited to join us on one Friday evening, April 19 in Neils Science Center 234 from 9:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m. in observing remotely with the SARA telescope in the Chilean Andes.

MAP: A map may be found on the web site.

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