



Lake Afton Public Observatory

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RE: Lake Afton Public Observatory.

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Special Offer

--- 10th Annual Museum Day Features Free General
Admission on Saturday, September 27, 2014 ---

As part of Smithsonian Magazine's 10th annual Museum Day celebration, the Lake Afton Public Observatory will present a special program. Observatory visitors will get to look through their big 16-inch telescope at a binary star system or an ancient cluster of over 500,000 stars while learning of their importance and recent discoveries related to them.

By presenting a Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Admission Card at the Lake Afton Public Observatory on Saturday evening, September 27 between 8:00 and 10:00 pm, you and a guest will get in FREE! The Museum Day Admission Cards can be found online at *Smithsonian's* Museum Day website at: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/> or in the September issue of *Smithsonian* magazine.

Smithsonian's Museum Day is a celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, and it reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties.

Please note the following restrictions ...

- * Admission Card is good for general admission for the card-bearer plus one guest.
- * One Admission Card per household.
- * Not for use with any other offer.
- * No rain checks.
- * Offer valid only on Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm

The Observatory is located about 20 miles southwest of downtown Wichita on MacArthur Road at 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park. Regular admission to the Lake Afton Public Observatory is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are admitted free. There is also a special family rate where 2 parents and their immediate minor children or grandchildren get in for just \$15.00. Current program information is available on the Observatory hotline at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or from their website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo>. You can also "friend" the Lake Afton Public Observatory on facebook.

The Lake Afton Public Observatory is operated by the Fairmount Center for Science and Mathematics Education, a part of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Science at Wichita State University.

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