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Riverbend Hosts Astronomy Festival for Scouts

Create your own Star Wars in your mind's eye when Riverbend Park hosts a Scout Astronomy Festival from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday evening, January 29, 2016.

This is an opportunity for scouts to use a telescope, learn to use a star chart, identify and draw constellations, identify important stars, learn about moon phases, and hear ancient stories about constellations.

The moon, which will be at its first quarter that night, and the planet Uranus will be less than two degrees apart in the evening sky, and both will be visible to the naked eye and through binoculars. You might also spy the comet C/2014 W2 (PANSTARRS), which will be at its brightest that night on its trek past Earth.

There is no online registration, so to register for the Scout Astronomy Festival call Riverbend Park at 703-759-9018. Admission is \$7.50 for scouts and siblings, and \$4 for adults. Hot chocolate and s'mores will be available for purchase, and Riverbend patches will be available for \$3.50 each. The program will be cancelled if there is rain or snow. Information about Riverbend Park is online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/scouting.htm>.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.