

**37th Annual Southern Star  
2026 AGENDA**

| <b>Thursday April 24th</b> | <b>Main Events</b>   | <b>Field Trip</b>            |
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| 4:00pm – 6:00pm            | <b>Arrival and Registration</b>  |                              |
| 6:30pm - 7:30pm            | <b>Supper</b>  |                              |
| 7:30pm – 8:00pm            | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b>   |                              |
| 8:00pm – 8:45pm            | <b>Joshua Haislip, short talk: Turning Images Into Insight: Exploring Afterglow Access</b>                                   |                              |
| 9:00pm – 10:00pm           | <b>Wine &amp; Cheese Social</b>  |                              |
| 10:00pm - Till ?           | <b>Night Sky Observing</b>   |                              |
| <b>Friday April 25th</b>   |  |                              |
| 8:00am – 9:00am            | <b>Breakfast</b>   |                              |
| 9:30am – 10:45am           | <b>Dr. Chris Mullis, long talk: "From Charlotte to Maunakea and Back"</b>  |                              |
| 11:00am -11:45am           | <b>Barbara Hilton, short talk: "NASA Planetary Science Division Overview"</b>  |                              |
| 12:00pm – 12:30pm          | <b>Free Time</b>   |                              |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm           | <b>Lunch</b>   |                              |
| 1:30 pm -- 3:00pm          | <b>Free Time</b>   | <b>Nature Hike: 1:30-3pm</b> |
| 3:00pm – 3:45pm            | <b>Buzz Session Topic:Smart Telescopes<br/>Hosted by Justin Peatross</b>   |                              |
| 4:00pm – 4:45pm            | <b>Johnny Horne, short talk: "When I should have been sleeping"</b>  |                              |
| 4:45pm – 6:00pm            | <b>Free Time</b>   | <b>Leadership Roundtable</b> |
| 6:00pm - 7:00pm            | <b>Supper</b>  |                              |
| 7:00pm - 7:30PM            | <b>Tribute to Gayle Riggsbee</b>   |                              |
| 7:30pm – 8:45pm            | <b>Josh Haislip, long talk: Skynet 2.0: The Future of Global Observing</b>   |                              |
| 9:00pm – 10:00pm           | <b>Ice Cream Social</b>  |                              |
| 10:00pm - Till ?           | <b>Night Sky Observing</b>   |                              |
| <b>Saturday April 26th</b> |  |                              |
| 8:00am – 9:00am            | <b>Breakfast</b>   |                              |
| 9:30am – 10:45am           | <b>Johnny Horne, long talk:<br/>"Shooting Earth and Sky...at the same time"</b>  |                              |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm          | <b>Swap Tables / Free Time</b>   |                              |
| 12:00pm – 12:15pm          | <b>Group Photo</b>   |                              |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm           | <b>Lunch</b>   |                              |
| 1:45pm – 2:30pm            | <b>Dr. Chris Mullis, short talk: "Discovering the X-ray Universe"</b>  |                              |
| 2:30pm – 3:15pm            | <b>Free Time</b>   |                              |
| 3:30pm - 5:45pm            | <b>Free Time</b>   |                              |
| 6:00pm - 7:15pm            | <b>Supper</b>  |                              |
| 7:30pm – 8:45pm            | <b>Barbara Hilton, long talk: "Dragonfly - A Relocatable Lander to Explore Titan's Prebiotic Chemistry and Habitability"</b> |                              |
| 9:00pm – 10:00pm           | <b>Door Prizes</b>   |                              |
| 10:00pm - Till ?           | <b>Night Sky Observing</b>   |                              |
| <b>Sunday April 27th</b>   |  |                              |
| 7:30am – 8:00am            | <b>Breakfast</b>   |                              |
| 8:30am – 9:15am            | <b>Informal Discussions With Speakers</b>  | <b>Revised</b>               |
| 9:15am - 10:00pm           | <b>Check-out and Depart</b>  | <b>4/20/2026</b>             |