

## Observing Opportunities

Be sure to contact these places *in advance* regarding days and hours of operation. On the day that you plan to go, verify that they are open. Remember that observational astronomy of this sort is weather dependent, just because it is clear where you are doesn't mean that it is clear 10 miles away! Also, many of these programs are run by volunteers (*that's how they can be offered for free*) so if someone gets sick they just don't open.

### Chabot Space & Science Center\*

Open for free public viewing every Friday and Saturday after 7:30 PM.

\*Note: This is where you are required to go for the second field observation.

[www.chabotspace.org/observatories.htm](http://www.chabotspace.org/observatories.htm)

### San Francisco State University Observatory

Typically open two nights per week mid-week; schedule set after beginning of February.

[www.physics.sfsu.edu/astronomy/observatory/](http://www.physics.sfsu.edu/astronomy/observatory/)

### CSM Observatory / San Mateo County Astronomical Society

Once a month public observing at CSM's Observatory (Jazz under the stars) on the Saturday nearest the first quarter Moon. SMCAS holds twice monthly Star Parties at Crestview Park in San Carlos and. Other activities and public lectures are hosted as well.

[collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/index.asp](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/index.asp)

[www.smcas.com/events/](http://www.smcas.com/events/)

### UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science

Free public viewing 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night each month.

[www.lawrencehallofscience.org/visit/events/stargazing](http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/visit/events/stargazing)

### Foothill Observatory Friday Evening Program

Open for free public viewing every clear Friday evening from 9:00 PM until 11:00 PM.

Currently there is a parking fee in student parking lots.

[www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/friday.htm](http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/friday.htm)

### San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers

Star Parties include free speakers and observing in San Francisco and Marin once or twice per month.

[www.sfsidewalkastronomers.org/](http://www.sfsidewalkastronomers.org/)

### Halls Valley Astronomical Group

Free group star gazing held once each month in the hills east of San Jose on the way to Mt. Hamilton and Lick Observatory.

[www.hallsvalley.org/calendar.html](http://www.hallsvalley.org/calendar.html)