

HSP 2025 SEPT 16-27 & STARBQ





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OVERVIEW

Dark Sky Observing At Its Best

RAC Members-Only Adult Observing Event 11 Nights / 12 Days All-Inclusive Camping 1/2-acre Observing field treated for ticks Strictly red lights only after dark CARRY IN / CARRY OUT site

LOCATION	SQM*	NELM**
Cherry Springs, PA	21.8	7.0
Star Haven, NY	21.5	6.8
Stellafane, VT	21.47	6.8
Taghkanic, NY	21.21	6.7
Wawayanda, NJ	20.14	6.1

*SQM: Sky Quality Meter. **NELM: Naked-eye limiting magnitude.





Check-in Tues Sept 16 Noon Sept 20 StarBQ 4 pm Sat Astro Talk Sept 20 Dusk Sat Check-out Sept 27 Sat Noon



AMENITIES

Solar-powered 120V charging station + USB ports Drinks/snacks until 1:00 am on clear nights Large picnic + fold-up tables Canopies for shelter / meals w/ red lights Toilets on site Sink & Shower, gravity-fed



CAMPING

First come/first serve open camping & parking NO reservations for sites or site locations

Campsites w/ picnic tables, firepits, benches, woodchip tent areas, etc. Each campsite can host 3-5 tents/vehicles One small Cabin w/ 2 beds, propane heater, & dining area: Reserve for \$39/night (2 guests) 8 x 16-ft. Tent Platform: Reserve for \$10/night (Accommodates 4 guests; private, shaded area) 8 x 16-ft. Tent Platform w/ Tarp Roof Frame: Reserve for \$15/night (Accommodates 2 guests; private, shaded area)

12-Acre gently rolling hillside accommodates unlimited tailgate & tent campers, RVs, etc.





\$75 per person non-refundable TD Contribution *(Every attendee must join/renew RAC before event)* StarBQ & other foods are separate purchases: StarBQ is **\$20** (order online by Sept 15th)

Walk-ins after 9/15 accepted with **\$90** (cash only) NO Family or Group discounts NO Children under age 12 NO Pets or Gas-powered Generators

Campers / Observers may stay or go, setup or breakdown as desired during daylight hours





CAMPING OFF-SITE

There are many commercial camp sites & Local Hotels/Inns/B&Bs available within 15-30 mins of Haven w/ full amenities Note: Off-site campers must park vehicles on adjacent road to prevent headlight issues

Mongaup Pond Campground Little Pond Campground Quapaw Campground Little Spring Brook RV Park Mud Pond & Trout Pond Campgrounds Beaverkill Campground Butternut Grove Campsite Roscoe Campsites Russell Brook Campsites Willowemoc Campgrounds Hemlock Falls Camping Knights Inn Liberty Budget Inn Reynolds House Inn Catskills Adventures Days Inn Liberty Rest Co. Anthony's House Best Western Monticello Inn at Monticello



SECURITY RAC staff on site 24/7

Campers are responsible for their own gear. Everyone must sign a waiver upon arrival.



LOCAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Livingston Manor (10 miles):

- Full grocery market w/ deli
- Two micro-breweries
- Several sit-down/takeout
 - restaurants/pizzarias
- Ice cream stand
- Bakery
- Organic foods market
- Sunday organic farmer's mkt
- Two gas stations
- Hardware store/tools
- Pharmacy
- Boutiques
- Sports/camping gear (Roscoe)

Nearby Activites:

- Biking/Mountain biking
- Swimming: freshwater lakes
- Boat rentals, beautiful local lakes
- Fishing, streams
- Hiking: 40-acre open woods
- Horseback riding farms nearby
- Whitewater rafting (mild)
 - on the Delaware River
- Wildlife watching: Bald eagles, songbirds, foxes, & baby bear
 Antiquing



RULES

Carry-in/Carry out: Police your own garbage. Dispose of trash in town, leave in vehicle, or take home. All Food & food-based refuse must be secured from wild animals, bears, coyotes, etc. Store in vehicle. Do NOT feed cats on site! Quiet Hours: Dusk to Dawn. Sorry, NO generators **NO Music** playing at any time: Use earpods NO Camp or Gear Set-up after 8pm NO Driving on site after 8pm (except to leave Parking Area A or B) **Red Lamps & Filters** required NO Vehicle Lights or other unshielded lighting after 8pm NO Camp Fires after 8pm on clear observing nights. Always extinguish fire before leaving campsite. Wood for firepits is available for purchase in town. NO Pets at Star Haven site. **NO Smoking:** Observing Field is a Smoke-Free Zone! NO Bikes are allowed on Observing Field at any time. NO Firearms or Fireworks are allowed at Star Haven. Tick Spray highly recommended! Stay/Go as desired during daylight hours

Astro-Imaging: Haven Star Party Site: Vinny Coulehan & Others

