



**North Carolina Science Festival**

Statewide Star Party  
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<http://www.ncsciencefestival.org/special-opportunities/starparty/>

Dear Star Party Hosts,

We are delighted to have your participation in the first North Carolina Statewide Star Party on Friday, April 5, 2013.

In this box you will find a variety of materials that will be useful for your event. These materials include (double check, please):

- ☐ Tip sheet for hosting a successful skywatching session
- ☐ List of useful web resources for planning and hosting star parties
- ☐ *There Once Was a Sky Full of Stars* by Bob Crelin – Children’s story book about the problems with light pollution and how to fix them
- ☐ 50 red balloons – to cover the ends of attendees’ white flashlights (cut off the neck of the balloon)
- ☐ GLOBE at Night Materials – 50 copies of Family Activity Packet, to hand out at your event (please practice collecting data ahead of time).
- ☐ 50 copies of Statewide Star Party star chart
- ☐ Light Pollution and Shielding Demo: (please practice this ahead of time)
  - ☐ Two flashlights that operate in “candle mode”
  - ☐ Two paper plates
  - ☐ Two little people
  - ☐ Two “shields” – full cut-off covers for your lights
  - ☐ One city mat
  - ☐ Instructions for the demo

We’ll send you more information in the next few weeks via email about GLOBE at Night, other things to look for in the night sky, links to other activities, and ideas for marketing your event.

You will receive another package from the NC Science Festival before April 5. That package will contain Festival promotional materials (banners, t-shirts, surprises) and printed schedules.

As April approaches we grow more excited about this grand statewide adventure. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Sincerely,



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