# Astronomy Day 2012

Hosted by the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Sky Meadows State Park



## **Expand Your Horizons!**

The Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC), the nations' largest amateur club invites all Washington, D. C. area residents to enjoy safe views of the sun, special presentations, fun stuff for kids, a guided tour of the night sky and spectacular views of the universe through club members' telescopes at Astronomy Day 2012 at beautiful Sky Meadows State Park on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 11 PM.

### **Special Events**

3:00 PM-> McLean High School Astronomy Club Historical Re-enactors

3:30 PM – "Your Place In Space" – A Human Orrery – Led by Bill Burton

3:45 PM – Astronomy Bingo! – Led By Patricia Rostkowski

4 PM - A history of telescopes & a demonstration of modern observing equipment

5 PM – JPL Solar System Ambassador Dr. Woody Davis "An Update on the Cassini Mission"

6 PM – Dr. David Choi of the GSFC "Our Solar System in the Age of Planetary Exploration"

At Twilight – A guided tour of the night sky followed by observing on the field

- Astronomy Day is free and open to the public
- A great day out for scouts, church and school groups
- Presentations will be held in our large tent rain or shine
- Don't be shy! All of our members will be happy to share views of the night sky and to answer your questions
- Bring some warm clothes as it can get chilly after the sun sets

#### Sky Meadows State Park

Location: The Park is less than 2 miles south of Paris, VA via US Rte. 50 to Rte 17 South; or 7 miles north of I-66, Exit 23 on Rte. 17 North. The park entrance is at State Rte. 710. The park charges a \$4 per vehicle entrance fee.