

WARKOCZEWSKI PUBLIC OBSERVATORY 2018 Public Schedule



CLEAR Friday Nights, May through October

Observatory Opening Times

The rooftop opens after presentations (listed below).

Solar viewing may be possible until sunset.

May 4 to May 28 8:00 pm

June 1 to Aug. 3 8:30 pm

Aug. 10 to Oct. 26 7:30 pm

Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m., Royall Hall, Room 104

- May 4** History of “The Warko” Observatory and Telescope
- May 11** ADA Telescope Viewing (Live Music Night TBD) – Parking Garage, Level 5
- May 18** Backyard Astronomy – Seeing More with Your Binoculars
- June 1** SOFIA: Science of the Airborne Observatory at 45,000 ft in the Stratosphere
- June 8** Public Telescope Night: Bring Your Scope and Get Tips on Use – Parking Garage, Level 5
- June 15** Dispelling 10 Myths of Astronomy and in Science in General
- July 6** Preparing for the Moon Landing
- July 20** Apollo Program and One Giant Leap
- Aug. 3** Motion of the Universe Part 1: Newtonian Mechanics
- Aug. 17** Mars: The Planet that Invokes Many Stories
- Sept. 7** Motion of the Universe Part 2: Kepler’s Laws
- Sept. 21** Maximum Speed Limit: Measuring the Speed of Light
- Oct. 5** JWST: The James Webb Space Telescope & Man’s Quest for Lookback Time
- Oct. 26** Comets: Harbingers of Terror or Water, plus Originators of Meteor Showers

Questions?

Contact Joe Wright, Warko Operations Manager:

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(call between 9 am and 5 pm only, please)

or visit cas.umkc.edu/physics/warko

‘WARKO’ OBSERVATORY

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The Warkoczewski (‘Warko’) Observatory is owned by the University of Missouri–Kansas City and operated by the Astronomical Society of Kansas City (ASKC). Public programs are given throughout the season (see schedule, left) and include an educational astronomy presentation and viewing through the telescopes (if skies are clear). Staff astronomers – volunteers from the ASKC – will treat visitors to some of the best views of Solar System objects in the area, including the Moon, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Some Deep Space objects such as the Andromeda Galaxy, Orion Nebula and Hercules Globular Cluster are generally observed, but views depend on sky conditions.

Observing instruments include the custom-built 16” Warkoczewski Telescope, Meade 10” and 14” LX200 SchmidtCassegrain computerized telescopes and for solar viewing, a Coronado PST Solar Telescope and the Daystar “Quark” Hydrogen Alpha mounted on an 80mm refracting telescope.

Roof space is limited. Please, no chairs, coolers, personal telescopes or other large items.

Free Admission

Thanks to UMKC, there is no charge to visit the Warko.

Because the ASKC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, we accept donations at Warko or askc.org to offset costs associated with our mission of education and outreach.

Directions: The observatory is located on the roof of Royall Hall on the UMKC Volker Campus in Kansas City, Mo. Access Royall Hall by pedestrian walkway from the parking garage (level 4) on 52nd St. between Rockhill Rd. and Charlotte St. The stairwell to the roof is on the immediate left when entering the building from the walkway.