

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing at the Rothney Observatory



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Sky's the Limit

Sky watch

On Wednesday, July 3, look northwest-west at dusk as the moon and Mars set together at around 11 p.m.

On Sunday, July 7, look northwest-west at dusk as Mercury and Mars set together before 11 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 9, you can take a good telescope and spot Saturn's rings during the day — a real treat!

On Sunday, July 28, look in the constellation Aquarius one to two hours before dawn as expected debris from the comet 96P Machholz will fall at a rate of 15-20 per hour.

Public events

Milky Way Nights take place Thursday, July 25 to Saturday, June 27 at the University of Calgary's Rothney Observatory near Priddis. They begin at 10 p.m. and end at 2 a.m. You will have the opportunity to look through the telescopes, and astronomers will be on hand to answer questions.

A special 50th anniversary celebration of the lunar landing occurs at the Rothney Observatory on Saturday, July 20, from noon to 3 p.m.

For further information, contact Jennifer Howse at jhowse@phas.ucalgary.ca or 403-931-2366. The website www.ucalgary.ca/rao is updated regularly.

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