San Diego County
International Dark Sky Week Celebration
Saturday, April 18th 2- 10 p.m.
Santa Ysabel Nature Center

2:00 - 7:00 pm - Defending the Night, A Symposium

* **Liz Harrison**, **research biologist at the UCSD Center for Circadian Biology** will speak on *Circadian Rhythms, Light at Night and Human Health.*

* **Marcus Bush, Vice Mayor of National City** on his vision for a dark sky friendlier National City, and presentation of a *Proclamation by the City of National City for International Dark Sky Week.*

* **Malia Sollosy,** student at Bonita Vista HS, *Growing up with and without a natural dark sky.*

* **Lighting Engineer, Paul Ericson,** DarkSky San Diego Board Member presenting: *Finally! 40,000 New Streetlights for City of San Diego residents, What's the Difference?*

* **Kamala Venkatesh, renowned San Diego based photographer,** will give a presentation on ***Shooting the Night Sky,*** and provide some guided practice after dark.

* **6:00 pm Carolyn Heffner, Chief Engineer at Palomar Observatory,** our featured speaker, will give a presentation on *Current Research at the Palomar Observatory,* based right here in east San Diego County, where very important breakthroughs in our understanding of the cosmos have been made, since it became operational in 1948. Its presence here alone is one good reason to keep our East County skies dark! Her talk will also touch on the adverse impact of existing and future large scale commercial satellite projects, such as Starlink on scientific research.

* **7:00 pm** Documentary Screening of **The Starry Walk,** a 55-minute adventure documentary, by French writers Olivier Bleys and Julie Phillipe about their exploration of California 's Dark Sky Places and night sky preservation movement..



8:00-10:00 pm: After-Dark Star Party

Astronomers will share views through their telescopes, and there will be a binocular sky tour in the amphitheater. **If you have binoculars, be sure to bring them!**

Kamala Venkatesh will lead a session for attendees to do some **night sky photography with cell phones and cameras. Please bring a tripod and remote shutter release with your camera.**

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