**Lunar** Image by CCAS Member David Majors. Canon T3i DSLR at prime focus.

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 26 at 7pm with Dr. Tom Abel from the Cosmology department at Stanford University.

**Next Star Gazing:** Saturday, April 14 at sunset at the Santa Margarita KOA. See inside for directions and a map.
Upcoming Meeting
Wesley Room, 1515 Fredericks Street, San Luis Obispo

6:45 Doors Open | 7:00 Meeting Starts

April 26, 2018 with Guest Speaker Dr. Sam Abel

Our April guest speaker is Dr. Tom Abel, computational cosmologist at the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology and a Professor both at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and the Physics Department at Stanford University. Dr. Abel is also the Director of the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology and Director of the Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology Division at SLAC.

Our meetings are at 7pm at the United Methodist Church. We’re at the Wesley Building. The address for the UMC is 1515 Fredericks Ave, San Luis Obispo.

The info you need to attend this free public astronomy event is here: http://www.centralcoastastronomy.org/
Next Star Gazing

April 14th at sunset
(7:20PM) at the Santa Margarita KOA

Our Sky Star Parties occur once a month, and are free and open to the public, and also weather-permitting.

If you’d like to join us, park at the bottom of the hill and walk up to the telescopes just before sunset. If you’re got a large, bulky telescope, please arrive before sunset to set up.

If you arrive after dark (you need headlights to see the road), DO NOT drive toward the telescopes! Park at the bottom of the hill and walk up. We welcome students and supervised children to our events.

Please no smoking or pets, and do not bring white flashlights. You might want to bring your own set of binoculars, hot cocoa, and a warm coat.
Member’s Work
Here’s a quick snapshot of events we’ve done recently that showcase our members in action!

CCAS Member Ron Setina processed the crater shots in Registax. The Upper crater is Hercules with Hercules G inside the main crater. Hercules E is just visible on the rim of Hercules. Atlas is just below with Atlas A at the bottom of the image. The second image, 0600, shows the Hercules regions with the names of the nearby craters. This second image is a screenshot from SkySafari with a map of the region.

Tycho Lunar Crater Image by CCAS Member David Majors. Canon T3i DSLR at prime focus.
Griffith Observatory Trip!

Visit Los Angeles with us for a fun field trip!

Would you be interested in going on a day trip to the Los Angeles Griffith Observatory?

Leaving Saturday, May 19th around 8am from San Luis Obispo. (Return time TBD, but it will be on the same day.) The trip cost will be $25 per person for to cover the roundtrip bus fare.

This is limited to ages 16 and over (please no pets). If you’d like to bring your scope and assist the LAAS with their star gazing (they begin scope setup at 2pm for public solar viewing), you can find out information about this here:

http://www.griffithobservatory.org/programs/publictelescopes.html

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to Aurora at aurora@CentralCoastAstronomy.org by April 12th to reserve your spot.
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Feel free to connect with us!

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Founded in 1979, the Central Coast Astronomical Society (CCAS) is an association of people who share a common interest in astronomy and related sciences.

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