Roche*Star* Fest 2023

July 14 – 16, 2023, Marian and Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy, Ionia, NY

Featured Speakers in a Panel Discussion– Bob Berman & Valerie Rapson

Bob Berman is one of the most widely read astronomers in the world, Astronomy Editor for the Old Farmer's Almanac, and a Contributing Editor at Astronomy magazine. Dr. Valerie Rapson is an Asst Prof. of Physics & Astronomy at SUNY Oneonta, earned her PhD in Astrophysical Sciences and Technology at RIT, and a Past-President of ASRAS.

The Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science (ASRAS) will hold the 26th annual Roche*Star* Fest on July 14th to July 16th. This weekend-long event features astronomy, lectures, demonstrations, and camping at ASRAS's Ionia, NY observing grounds. A picnic dinner will be held on Saturday. Door prizes and a silent auction add to the fun. Proceeds benefit ASRAS, a non-profit organization devoted to education and public outreach in the fields of astronomy and space sciences. Camping arrangements are available at no charge, tents and small campers permitted. These are primitive camping sites - no electric hookups, water hookups, or showers are available. No pets or ground fires are allowed.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 14th	6:00 pm	Arrival for camping, Astro-Jeopardy and music trivia contest (rain or shine), observing (beginning at dark, weather permitting)
Saturday, July 15rd	11:00 am	Registration begins – pick up Door Prize tickets at Registration table; hot dogs will be available for purchase or bring your own lunch, drinks available at modest cost
	1:00 – 4:30 pm	Talks, Demonstrations, & Experiments – Contact Lori Englund (lenglund175@gmail.com) to get your talk or demonstration on the schedule.
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Silent auction, door prizes
	4:30 pm	Members Reception (bring appetizers to share if you'd like)
	5:15 pm	Door Prizes followed by group photo.
	6:00 pm	Barbeque Dinner at Ionia Volunteer Firehouse Beef brisket, pulled pork, smoked turkey, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, pasta salad, and veggies. Bring your signature dish or dessert if you'd like.
	8:00 pm	Featured speaker: Bob Berman & Valerie Rapson Observing to follow, weather permitting.
Sunday, July 16th	10:00 am - Noon	Cleanup (breakfast at 9:00 am)

For general information, Program ideas, and offers to help, contact *Lori Englund* at (585) 820-5012. If you can donate a door prize, contact *Carol Latta* at 585-230-9548. For camping arrangements, contact *Roger McDonough* at (585) 519-9121

Check out all the other ASRAS summer activities, at www.rochesterastronomy.org!!

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Registration due by Friday, July 7, 2023

Day of registrations will be accepted: dinner purchases available but not guaranteed.

Complete and mail this form with your payment (checks made out to ASRAS) to

Lori Englund, Attn: Roche*Star* Fest Registration, P.O. Box 20292 Rochester, NY 14602

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address (optional): _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Number of children attending (under 12): _____

Total number attending: _____

Camping? Yes No (Tents and small campers allowed; no hookups are available.)

				Amount due.
Early-Bird Event Fee:	$15 for individuals or $25 for families			$_____
Dinners:	Number of adult dinners:	___ x $10		$_____
	Children 6 thru 12 (5 and under FREE)	___ x $5		$_____
	Children 5 and under	___ free	**Total**	$_____

Day of Registration Fees:
(July 15, 2023)

Individual: $20

Family: $30