Roche*Star* Fest 2024

July 26 – 28, 2024, Marian and Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy, Ionia, NY

Featured Speaker – Roxanne Kamin: An avid amateur astronomer and fly fisherman, Roxanne Kamin has viewed night skies from both the Northern and Southern hemispheres, including three trips to Australia with the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) / NASA. Recently retired from IBM and residing near Hershey, she is active in measuring asteroids with SwRI along with the International Occultation Timing Association (IOTA) and can be found most clear nights observing at Cherry Springs, the Naylor Observatory, Ryan Observatory at Muddy Run or simply from her home. Roxanne's observing gear currently include a 16" f/4 New Moon Dob along with a C11HD SCT and an 80mm Stellervue (EQ6R-Pro, HAZ31, Pegasus NYX101 mounts) or on sunny days, a SolarMax III. Her go to cameras are QHY and MallinCam.

The Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science (ASRAS) will hold the 27th annual Roche*Star* Fest on July 26th to July 28th. 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 26th	6:00 pm	Arrival for camping, Astro-Jeopardy and music trivia contest (rain or shine), observing (beginning at dark, weather permitting)
Saturday, July 27th	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: Roxanne Kamin, "Catching a Shadow from beyond Neptune – Wait a minute, how far away is Neptune?"** Observing to follow, weather permitting
Sunday, July 29th	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 *Mark Minarich* at (585) 261-5666. For camping arrangements, contact *Roger McDonough* at (585) 519-9121

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

✂----------

Registration due by Friday, July 19, 2024

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	**Registration Total**	$_____

Day of Registration Fees:
(July 27, 2024)

Individual: $20

Family: $30