

Jerry E. Ruckman *Lecture Presents:*

# "Stars Above, Earth Below: Astronomy in the National Parks"



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**Friday, October 2**

**7:30pm**

**City Union Auditorium**

**\*\*Student Observatory will be open after the talk\*\***

The *dark night skies* over our nation's national parks are fertile grounds for learning about the *world of astronomy*.

The same *environmental protections* that maintain our wilderness on the ground, also preserve the "*wilderness*" of a dark starry sky where the Milky Way can still be seen.

Through direct "*eyes-on*" viewing opportunities in the park the *public* can learn about and *appreciate* current astronomical research. In addition, many of the *geological formations* our parks were built to protect, are excellent examples of features and processes on other planets.

*America's national parks are our window to the Universe.*

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