

Press Release for: The Desert Foothills Astronomy Club
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Are you interested in astronomy? Do you have a telescope, but don't really know how to use it? Would you enjoy attending meetings where professional and amateur astronomers explain their research? Are you interested in controlling light pollution? Or are you a "stargazer" who simply enjoys the beauty of the desert night sky?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Desert Foothills Astronomy Club (DFAC) might be just what you've been waiting for. Having already identified a wide-spread interest in the north valley, we decided the time is right for a new astronomy club in our area. Existing astronomy clubs, notably East Valley Astronomy Club (EVAC), Phoenix Astronomical Society (PAS), and Saguaro Astronomy Club (SAC) are all great organizations. Unfortunately, a trip into Phoenix is required to attend their meetings. DFAC has already met with Kevin Imes, Principal of Boulder Creek High School in Anthem, and secured an agreement to use their fine facilities for our meetings. Future collaboration with a BCHS student astronomy club is also in the works.

This is a call for interest, as DFAC is now actively seeking charter members. From Carefree to New River, Terravita to Tramonto, Anthem to Black Canyon City, we welcome all who share our love of the night sky. You can read more about DFAC at www.dfacaz.org. If you are interested in participating, contact Dan Heim at 623-465-7307 or dan@heimhenge.com and leave your name and contact information. When the date of our first meeting has been set, you will be notified.

Join us in promoting this great hobby in the north valley. We look forward to hearing from you. Clear skies!

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