



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Join Science North for a Tour of the Night Sky this Summer

**(SUDBURY, ON)** – Science North invites the community to look up at the stars this summer with the return of its popular Star Party series. For decades, Science North Bluecoats have led outdoor night sky tours with telescopes and to mark the 40th year of Star Parties, they will be offering an enhanced experience.

New this year, there will be a Planetarium show to help visitors find constellations and planets and themed hands-on activities before the traditional night sky tour with a telescope. Unlike past years, the events will take place rain or shine and there will be a special guest for the first two events. Will Morin, a local Ojibwe educator, storyteller and artist, will share Indigenous perspectives on the planets and constellations.

Tickets for all three events are on sale now at [sciencenorth.ca](https://sciencenorth.ca) and can be purchased for \$15 per event or \$40 for the entire series. Events start at 9pm and visitors are encouraged to bring their favourite camping chair and bug spray for the outdoor portion of the event.

### 2024 Star Party Series

#### **June 20 – Summer Solstice**

A summer solstice Star Party the day before National Indigenous People's Day with Will Morin, a local Ojibwe educator, storyteller, and artist. Learn about the connection between a turtle's shell and the phases of the Moon and observe the nearly full moon through a telescope.

#### **July 19 – Venus**

Venus takes centre stage as Will Morin, a local Ojibwe educator, storyteller and artist, is back to talk about Indigenous perspectives on the Sun, Earth, and Venus. Tour the solar system in the Planetarium, followed by a tour of the beginning of the Solar System Path along the shore of Lake Ramsey with Will, and view Venus through a telescope.

#### **August 9 - Perseids Meteor Shower**

As the Perseids meteor shower approaches its peak, join us to learn how to view one of the best meteor showers of the year! Learn about what meteor showers are in the Planetarium and how to view them in the night sky.

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