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REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

Redwood Parks Association to Host Annual “Star Party” August 23 & 24

Registration is now open for Redwood National and State Parks’ annual “Star Party” hosted by Redwood Parks Association—a truly star-studded overnight event under some of the darkest skies along the coast. Join renowned astronomer and galactic adventurer, Dr. Robert Scheppler, for a special journey into the night sky on Saturday, August 23-24, 2014, at Schoolhouse Peak Fire Lookout in the Bald Hills area of Redwood National and State Parks.

The event begins with a catered dinner of fine foods and wine, followed by a ranger-led star photography workshop. Participants will then enjoy an evening of gazing into and learning about the wonders of the night sky. A former college astronomy instructor, Dr. Scheppler will share his passion for the universe and lead participants in an exploration of deep

time, billions of years of light, and the mysteries of the stars. A delicious catered breakfast will be provided the following morning. Participants are responsible for their own sleeping arrangements.

Space for the Star Party is limited and reservations are required. Call 707-465-7327 for more information or reservations.

The annual Star Party is a part of Redwood National and State Parks’ goal of protecting, preserving and providing educational opportunities for the public to learn more about an increasingly endangered resource—our planet’s night skies. Starry night skies and natural darkness are important components of the special places the National Park Service protects. National and state parks hold some of the last remaining harbors of darkness and provide an excellent opportunity for the public to experience this endangered resource. To learn more about the NPS Dark Skies program, explore: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/night/>

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