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Dear Amateur Astronomical Society,

We are writing to invite you to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Cincinnati Observatory Center Astronomy Fair "ScopeOut"** on **September 13, 2008**. This event will take place at the historic Cincinnati Observatory Center and is geared toward both the novice and experienced amateur astronomer.

**"Scope Out"** will include a telescope fair, amateur telescope displays, ATM demonstrations, hands-on help for novices using their own telescopes, and activities for kids, families and educators. Throughout the day there will be tours of the Observatory and astronomy lectures for every level of interest, all leading up to our keynote presentation.

The Tri-State area is host to many amateur astronomical societies and we get many requests for information about astronomical societies in neighboring communities. Your registration as a Society entitles you to 4 free admission tickets, one table (supplied by us) under tent, or as much room as you like on the grounds outside. We sincerely hope you can participate! **Please register at your earliest convenience via email to [observatory@fuse.net](mailto:observatory@fuse.net), or call 513-321-5186 during business hours.**

**"ScopeOut "** opens **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at NOON and runs till 10:00 p.m. with the keynote address and stargazing in the evening. We'll have refreshments available throughout the day, and a buffet dinner prior to the keynote address. Many more families come after sunset for the stargazing and **we invite you to bring telescopes for the evening viewing as well as the daytime telescope fair.**

There is **no fee for Societies**, but if you would like to donate a modest door prize, the Observatory Center is a 501(c)(3) federal non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible. If you are not able to participate this year, please send flyers or other materials about your organization. We hope your club members will join us also.

This is an excellent opportunity to educate the public about the rewards of amateur astronomy. It is also a great chance to introduce your society to an appreciative and interested audience. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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