

# ***THE ELDORADO STAR PARTY***

## ***2006 BINOCULAR & TELESCOPE OBSERVING CLUBS***

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### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Welcome to the Annual Eldorado Star Party Observing Clubs. The purpose of these clubs is not to test your observing skills by throwing the toughest objects at you that are hard to see under any conditions, but to give you an opportunity to observe many showcase objects under the ideal conditions of these pristine Southwest Texas skies, thus displaying them to their best advantage. This year we have several programs planned. The rules are simple. Just observe the objects listed for each program.

The first program is an easy binocular program consisting of 15 objects called “Binocular Banquet”. There are 25 objects on the list, but you need only observe any 15, your choice. The second program is a list of twenty-four objects for small to intermediate telescopes called “Preparation H”. When observing this list, you need only observe 20 of the 24 objects. That is because all objects are Herschel objects (hence the name Preparation H) and some are a little hard. Just get the 20 that your scope can pull out. Last year’s program is also available to observe if you want to complete it. This is “Killer Clusters”.

Any size telescope or binocular can be used. All observations must be made at the Eldorado Star Party to qualify. All objects are available for observation between 8:00PM and 3:00AM any time during the ESP. Each person completing any of the lists will receive a special Eldorado Star Party Observing Club badge. These badges are not sold at the ESP and can only be acquired by completing the programs.

To receive your badge, turn in your observations to ***John Wagoner - ESP Observing Chairman*** any time during the Eldorado Star Party. I will try to be on the observing field at a convenient time, and at the ESP talks. If you finish the list the last night of ESP, or I am not available to give you your badge, just mail your observations to me at 1409 Sequoia Dr., Plano, Tx. 75023, and I will see that you get your badge.

Good luck and good observing.

## Binocular Banquet

Object	Type	R.A.	Dec	Con	Size	Mag	Date	Time
M13	Glob	16 42	+36 28	Her	17'	5.7		
M92	Glob	17 17	+43 08	Her	11'	6.4		
Cr399 (Coathanger)	OCI	19 25	+20 11	Vul	60'	3.6		
M27	PIN	20 00	+22 43	Vul	6'	7.3		
M31	Gal	00 43	+41 16	And	178'	4.5		
M15	Glob	21 30	+12 10	Peg	12'	6.0		
M39	OCI	21 32	+48 26	Cyg	31'	4.6		
M2	Glob	21 34	-00 49	Aqr	13'	6.4		
M30	Glob	21 40	-23 11	Cap	11'	7.3		
NGC7789	OCI	23 57	+56 44	Cas	15'	6.7		
NGC457	OCI	01 19	+58 20	Cas	13'	6.4		
M103	OCI	01 33	+60 42	Cas	6'	7.0		
M33	Gal	01 34	+30 39	Tri	67'	5.7		
NGC663	OCI	01 46	+61 15	Cas	16'	7.1		
NGC869	OCI	02 19	+57 09	Per	29'	5.3		
NGC884	OCI	02 22	+57 07	Per	29'	6.1		
M34	OCI	02 42	+42 47	Per	35'	6.0		
M45	OCI	03 47	+24 07	Tau	110'	1.4		
Mel 25 (Hyades)	OCI	04 27	+16 00	Tau	330'	0.5		
M38	OCI	05 29	+35 50	Aur	21'	7.0		
M36	OCI	05 36	+34 08	Aur	12'	6.5		
M37	OCI	05 52	+32 33	Aur	24'	6.0		
M35	OCI	06 09	+24 20	Gem	28'	5.5		
M42	DfN	05 35	-05 23	Ori	85'	5.0		
M41	OCI	06 47	-20 44	Cma	38'	4.5		



## Killer Clusters (2005)

Object	Type	R.A.	Dec	Con	Size	Mag	Date	Time
N6811	OCI	19 37	46 23	Cyg	20'	6.8		
N6819	OCI	19 41	40 11	Cyg	10'	7.3		
N7184	Gal	22 03	-20 49	Aqr	7'	11.2		
N6834	OCI	19 52	29 25	Cyg	5'	7.8		
N6866	OCI	20 04	44 09	Cyg	6'	7.6		
N6871	OCI	20 06	35 47	Cyg	20'	5.2		
N6891	PNb	20 15	12 42	Del	14"	10.5		
N6894	PNb	20 16	30 34	Cyg	42"	12.3		
N6934	GCI	20 34	07 24	Del	6'	8.7		
N6960	Neb	20 46	30 43	Cyg	70'	7.2		
N6992	Neb	20 56	31 43	Cyg	60'	6.8		
N7026	PNb	21 06	47 51	Cyg	21"	10.9		
N7209	OCI	22 05	46 30	Lac	25'	7.7		
IC1434	OCI	22 11	52 50	Lac	7'	9.0		
N7243	OCI	22 15	49 53	Lac	21'	6.4		
N7245	OCI	2215	54 20	Lac	7'	9.2		
N7160	OCI	21 54	62 36	Cep	7'	6.1		
N7235	OCI	22 13	57 17	Cep	5'	8.4		
N7510	OCI	23 12	60 34	Cep	4'	7.9		
N40	PNb	00 13	72 32	Cep	37"	12.4		
N7788	OCI	23 57	61 24	Cas	9'	9.4		
N7790	OCI	23 58	61 13	Cas	17'	8.5		
N381	OCI	01 08	61 35	Cas	6'	9.3		
N654	OCI	01 44	61 53	Cas	5'	6.4		
N663	OCI	01 46	61 15	Cas	16'	7.1		