Dear Star Party Hosts,

We are delighted to have your participation in the second annual North Carolina Statewide Star Party on April 4 and 5, 2014.

In this kit, you will find a variety of materials that will be useful for your event. These materials include (double check, please):

- Two copies of “Tips for Hosting a Successful Skywatching Session”
- Two copies of “Web Resources” for planning and hosting star parties
- One *Faces of the Moon* by Bob Crelin – Children’s story book about the Moon’s changing face
- One laminated field map of the Moon
- One Moon Gazers’ Wheel
- 25 trimmed red balloons – to cover the ends of attendees’ white flashlights
- 25 copies of Statewide Star Party star chart
- 25 Skywatcher’s Guide to the Moon
- Two Skywatcher’s Guide to the Moon instructions
- “Why Does the Moon Have Phases?” and “Why Do Eclipses Happen?” activities
  - Two copies of instructions
  - 12 polystyrene ball
  - 12 craft sticks
- “Craters on the Moon” activity
  - Two copies of instructions
  - One aluminum “Moon” pan with plastic lid
  - One bag of flour
  - One bag of cocoa mix
  - One flashlight
  - Bag of “asteroids”
- One NC Statewide Star Party poster by Tyler Nordgren

Over the next few weeks we’ll send you more information via email about our training webinar (March 4 at 3 p.m.), other things to look for in the night sky, links to additional activities and ideas for marketing your event.

You will also be receiving an event host package from the NC Science Festival. That package will contain Festival promotional materials (banners, t-shirts, surprises) and printed schedules.

As April approaches, we grow more excited about this grand statewide adventure. As always, if you have questions, please get in touch.

Sincerely,

Mickey Jo Sorrell and Amy Sayle