

Welcome



Contemplative Astronomy

G25060405

with Wayne Hicks

June 27-29, 2025

Greetings fellow explorers!

Welcome to "Contemplative Astronomy." I look forward to being with you at Ghost Ranch for the last weekend in June (June 27th through 29th, 2025). In this course, the chief aim is experiencing and contemplating some of the wonders of this incredible universe from the vantage point of Ghost Ranch, in Northern New Mexico. I intend for this experience to be awe-inspiring, interactive and memorable (with possible implications for everyday life).

Briefly, our weekend together will look something like this:

Friday Evening: Orientation and Introduction; observing the night sky

Saturday & Sunday:

Discussion will be the main activity during our class. We will start by sharing our experiences of observation, both celestial and terrestrial. Then we can explore what impact they may have on each of our lives and also attempt to answer questions that may come up.

Evenings: Time will be split between class time indoors and time outside observing the night sky.

Sunday: Check-out and wrap-up.

What To Bring?

1. Curiosity with an open heart and mind.
 2. Warm clothes! (Thermals, wool socks, warm hat, jacket, gloves, etc.)
- Nights out under the stars should be clear, crisp and chilly. While we may

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not be out all night, temperatures drop significantly after sunset. Plan to keep warm! Please keep in mind that ideal weather conditions are never guaranteed but class sessions will be given regardless of any adverse weather.

3. Binoculars if you have them. Cameras are welcome, too.

Thank you for registering! I look forward to meeting you under the gorgeous skies of Ghost Ranch on Friday, June 27th. Please contact me if you have questions about this course.

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Workshop Itinerary:

Friday, June 27:

Afternoon: 3pm: Check in

5:30pm: dinner followed by a short orientation by Ghost Ranch

Evening: 7pm: Class introductions & orientation; first steps; then observing the night sky

Saturday, June 28:

Morning: 9am - 11:30am: Class

Afternoon: 1:30pm - 4:30pm: Class

Evening: 7pm - 9pm: Class: then observing the night sky

Sunday, June 29:

Morning: 7:30am - 9:30am: breakfast and room check out

10am - 11am: Wrap-up & final notes*if Sunday lunch at Ghost Ranch is needed, it is extra and must be arranged ahead of time