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## FREE EVENT: Community Observatory’s Perseids Party – Sat., Aug. 11

On Saturday, August 11, the Community Observatory will host a FREE meteor shower Perseids Party ($2 parking at Folsom Lake College, El Dorado Center). From 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. families will enjoy: safe sun viewing through solar scopes; activities with Powerhouse Science Museum; displays from Aerojet Rocketdyne; interactive experiments with CSUS Physics Club Members; displays by CSUS Hyperloop; and Kids Zone make and take crafts.

Featured guest speaker, Jim Hansen, Rocketdyne Mechanical Designer/Engineer from Aerojet, will discuss the work he has done on multiple projects including the Orion Project, DART, and more at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Caffe Santoro will supply their coffee on site for purchase.

After enjoying all of these fun activities, the evening will have just started! Bring a blanket to lay out under the stars and watch the Perseid Meteor Shower. The Perseid Meteor Shower is known for its fast and bright meteors. Each year in August, the Perseids appear as the Earth travels through trails of debris caused by the ancient comet Swift-Tuttle, which orbits the sun every 133 years. When the Earth crosses paths with this debris, specks of small particles hit the earth’s atmosphere and disintegrate in flashes of light. These meteors seem to fly out of the constellation Perseus, thus the name Perseids. So, mark your calendars to come out and enjoy this amazing Perseids Party at the Community Observatory!

The Community Observatory is located at 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Cameron Park Rotary Club, Folsom Lake College, and the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) partner to make these events possible. Inclement weather can force cancellation of the event, so please visit [www.communityobservatory.com](http://www.communityobservatory.com/) on the day of the event to confirm.

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