

NIGHT SKY ADVENTURE FAMILY EVENT

SAMPLE AGENDAS

SESSION 1: 90 MINUTES

TIME NEEDED	NAME OF ACTIVITY	NOTES
15 minutes as families arrive	Seeing in the Dark, Constellation Detective	Leaders welcome families individually as they arrive and encourage them to jump right in and work with the station activities. Also spend some time at each station encouraging or helping participants. If snacks are provided, point them out and allow families to snack while exploring the stations.
10 minutes		Leaders call the group together, making sure that everyone has signed in and has a name badge, and then explain the evening's agenda.
20 minutes	Sky Heroes	Family members invent a constellation and share with group.
30 minutes	Family Starfinder	Families construct a Starfinder and get practice using it indoors.
5 minutes	Wrap up	Leaders review with families all the materials in their take-home kits and how to use them, emphasizing use of the "A <i>Celestial Treasure Hunt</i> " booklet.
10 minutes	Evaluation	Families appreciate this opportunity to give feedback and their comments may help you plan your next activity.

What's Next:

- Remind families about the date and time of the second session and to be sure to bring back their take-home kits because they will need them for some of the activities (specifically their starfinders, the "A *Celestial Treasure Hunt*" booklet, their red balloon and a flashlight).

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SAMPLE AGENDAS CONTINUED

SESSION 2: 90 MINUTES

TIME NEEDED	NAME OF ACTIVITY	NOTES
15 minutes as families arrive	MORE Constellation Detective	Leaders welcome families individually as they arrive and encourage them to jump right in and work with the new station activity. If snacks are provided, point them out and allow families to snack while exploring the stations.
5 minutes		Leaders call the group together, making sure that everyone has signed in and has a name badge, and then explain the evening's agenda.
15 minutes	Star Clock	Last session everyone did a full Starfinder, a simple version of this is the Star Clock that uses the stars of the Big Dipper to tell time.
5 minutes	Observing Check	Before going outside, review check-list from the "A Celestial Treasure Hunt" booklet (make sure everyone has a red filtered flashlight, their Starfinder and the "A Celestial Treasure Hunt" booklet).
40 minutes	Celestial Treasure Hunt	Move outside (weather permitting) and do the complete Celestial Treasure Hunt for the current season. It will give families more confidence using their Starfinder and booklet at home.
10 minutes	Evaluation	Families appreciate this opportunity to give feedback and their comments may help you plan your next activity.

What's Next:

- Invite families to participate in another Family ASTRO event, give the topic with a teaser for what they will learn.
- A follow up event could include telescopes and a star party to go beyond what is in the Celestial Treasure Hunt. Try to find more challenging objects.