

TAWBAS Dark Sky Festival: August 18 to 21, 2025

August 18 (Mon - evening)	August 19 (Tue)	August 20 (Wed)	August 21 (Thu)
<p>Updated: 13 July 2025</p> <p>Subject to changes.</p> 	<p>Thebacha Campus (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p>1:30 pm to 4:00 pm STEM Science Lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM science activities Hosted by Aurora Research Institute <p>1:30 pm to 4:00 pm TAWBAS Presentations</p> <p>1:30 pm to 2:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Astronomy Astro-photography basics <p>3:00 pm to 4:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Impacts to Night Sky Lights Dimmed - <i>Protecting Our Skies and Helping Wildlife</i> 	<p>Wood Buffalo National Park</p> <p>1:00 to 3:30 pm Planetarium Shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WBNP planetarium shows <p>3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Special Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Steele Rodriguez - <i>Nocturnal Ethnobotany</i> <p>-----</p> <p>WBNP Salt Plains</p> <p>1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Voyager 1 – <i>Beyond Expectations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A visual representation (viewing/hiking) of Voyager’s mission of discovery. 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p>1:30 pm to 3:00 pm TAWBAS Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space Debris – <i>Past, Present, Future</i> - What is space debris, its ramifications and some notable occurrences <p>3:30 pm to 5:00 pm Solar Observing and Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring our sun
<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>7:00 pm to 7:30 pm Welcoming thoughts and blessing</p>			<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Closing BBQ ... <i>bring your fav protein</i></p>
<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Festival Social Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxing meet and greet (refreshments) <p>8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Skies <i>Indigenous perspectives of night sky</i> 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p>7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Keynote Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary Perez – <i>Indigenous Cosmology</i> <p>8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Sci-Fi Movie Trivia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>From box office classics to B-movies !</i> 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Space Themed Music Trivia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guess from snippets of classic tunes - all space themed <p>8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Sunset Concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical entertainment 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Keynote Video Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T.B.A. <p>8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Festival Social Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxing meet and greet (refreshments)
<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>9:30 pm to Midnight Observatory Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roberta Bondar Northern Observatory <p>Night Sky Viewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing / Night sky photography 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>9:30 pm and beyond Observatory Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roberta Bondar Northern Observatory <p>Night Sky Observing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided and casual night sky viewing 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>9:30 pm and beyond Fire Side Social and Stories</p> <p>Night Sky Viewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telescopes, constellation ID 	<p>Fort Smith Star Park</p> <p>9:30 pm to Midnight Observatory Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roberta Bondar Northern Observatory <p>Night Sky Viewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing / Night sky photography