

THE TEXAS STAR PARTY ***2015 TELESCOPE OBSERVING CLUB***

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Welcome to the Texas Star Party's Telescope Observing Club. The purpose of this club is not to test your observing skills by throwing the toughest objects at you that are hard to see under any conditions, but to give you an opportunity to observe 25 showcase objects under the ideal conditions of these pristine West Texas skies, thus displaying them to their best advantage. The regular observing program is **“In Living Color”**. These are colorful objects consisting of single, double, & multiple stars and planetary nebula. Note any color you detect in your observing notes. You need to observe **25 objects** of the 30 available to get your pin, but if you are using a smaller scope and have a little trouble with some of the objects, just mark it as “tried” and move on, and you will get credit for the object. If you detect a hint of color, please note this in your log. We are also bringing back **“I Have No Idea Where I Am”** from 2013. This is a list of 29 objects. Only **25 objects** need be observed.

That's it. Any size telescope can be used. All observations must be made at the Texas Star Party to qualify. All objects are within range of small (6”) to medium sized (10”) telescopes, and are available for observation between 9:00PM and 5:00AM any time during the TSP. Each person completing this list will receive an official Texas Star Party Telescope Observing Club lapel pin. These pins are not sold at the TSP and can only be acquired by completing the program, so wear them proudly.

To receive your pin, turn in your observations to ***John Wagoner - TSP Observing Chairman*** any time during the Texas Star Party. I will be at the outside door leading into the TSP Meeting Hall each day between 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM. except Saturday (10:00-11:30 AM). If you finish the list the last night of TSP, or I am not available to give you your pin, just mail your observations to me at 1409 Sequoia Dr., Plano, Tx. 75023, and I will see that you get a pin.

Good luck and good observing. Now, let's get out there and **observe!!!**

P.S. If you would like to see some of your favorite objects on a future TSP program, or have any ideas for a new program, let me know during TSP or email me at john@wagoner.org
Credit for the creation of the 2015 Telescope Observing Program “In Living Color” goes to Clayton Jeter of the Houston Astronomical Society and Jerome Kent Wade of the Austin Astronomical Society.

For those of you who missed previous TSP's, pins for the following programs are still available:
2012 – 2012 - 2011 – Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!
2010 – About Face, 2009 – Texas Star Party 5X5
2007 - Be A Sap (Shapley-Ames Person)
2006 – Eye in the Sky --- 2004 – Starlight, Starbright
2003 - The Great Celestial A.R.C. (Asterisms, Radio sources, & Clusters)

You can download these observing programs from the TSP website: www.texasstarparty.org.

