

Stargazers trek to celestial observation farm

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More than a dozen locals made the journey to All Star Telescopes (www.all-start-telescopes.com) just outside of Didsbury to congregate on the night of Oct. 16 with cosmic minded folks from all over the province.

As many as 50-plus regulars come out to Ken and Bev From's acreage monthly to view the sky from at least half a dozen provided telescopes while sipping warm beverages and networking with experts in the field. It was the first public outing offered to Vulcan County and of the 14 who came, six were youth/kids and thought it was a great adventure.

"I've never seen so many telescopes before" said an astonished William Smith, 9.

While Graham, 8, and Jessica Low, 11, of Calgary thought it was a "cool experience," Emily Morse, 9, was fascinated with the star laser she used for the



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Graham Low and Rachel Smith learn how to use an 18-inch Dobsonian telescope while Greg and Jessica Low look on.

first time.

The enthusiasm spilled into the adults as Ken Neufeld bought his first telescope, an eight-inch Dobsonian and finished the evening with a good impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger exclaiming, "I'll be back"

The next viewing sessions are scheduled for Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 and every month after that. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. For further information, contact me at 403-485-2683, or Neel_Roberts@ptccanada.com.