



Weekly Newsletter

January 28, 2005

Star Quality Humor

A troop of boy scouts were camping out in a state park. Looking up at the night sky one of the boys asked his troop leader, "What do you see, sir?" The troop leader replied, "I see we're in the constellation Gemini, it's almost time for summer solstice, and the sun will rise in three hours." He in turn asked the scout, "What do you see, son". The scout replied, "Well sir, I see that someone stole our tent!"



Star Lab Suggestions

Fellows have been busy traveling from school to school with the Star Lab entertaining and educating students. Some themes that might make the visit to your school even more exciting are:

- * Celestial navigation by animals
- * Ancient peoples and their calendars
- * Light pollution and the night sky
- * Underground railroad and the north star

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will take place Tuesday, February 1st in room 120 De Loach Hall.

- * Fellows will arrive at 4:00 pm
- * Teachers will join us at 4:30 pm.

The theme of this meeting will be Astronomical Art. If you have anything "stellar" that you would like to share, please bring it with you.

Links to Reading the Night Sky

Celestial navigation by animals during migrations

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/Compass.html>

Ancient astronomers and their calendars

<http://www.michiellb.nl/maya/astro.html>

Light pollution

<http://www.astrosociety.org/education/publications/tnl/44/lightpoll.html>

<http://www.darksky.org/infoshts/is127.html>

<http://www.darksky.org/infoshts/is113.html>

The Underground Railroad

http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/ntti/resources/lessons/h_catch

www.madison.k12.wi.us/planetarium/ftdg1.htm