

Lyrids Meteor Shower best seen at Seven Suites Hotel Observatory

For astronomers and lovers of the 'space, sky and stars,' the month of April is special because of a "must see" spectacle – the Lyrids Meteor Shower. This cosmic phenomenon can be seen best on the night of April 22 to April 23.

The Lyrids Meteor Shower has been observed for more than 2,600 years and is dubbed by experts as "stars falling like rain." The shower's peak will be in progress on the night of April 22 up to the early morning of April 23. The observation of the meteors is most favorable after midnight when the constellation Lyra, the showers' radiant, is already more than 30 degrees above the northeastern horizon.

The best opportunity to see the Lyrids is to go on a location with the lowest pollution because pollution can interfere with the visibility of the meteor shower. City lights can limit the visibility of the falling meteoroids, that's why it is recommended that the best place to see the meteor shower is on a mountaintop or a location of high altitude.

Seven Suites Hotel Observatory, the only hotel-cum-observatory in the country, is the perfect venue to see this much-awaited celestial event. Aside from being situated at the quaint and lush foothills of Antipolo, Seven Suites' state-of-the-art telescope intensifies the viewing experience. An in-house astronomer will give guests a lecture and interesting trivia about the Lyrids.

Seven Suites is all geared up for the Lyrids Meteor Shower that will be seen on the dark sky on April 22 to 23. In fact, the hotel is hosting an "Astro Camp" promo. For every room check-in by an adult, his/her child will be free of charge in the Astro Camp, a one-of-a-kind summer activity for kids aged 7-13 and their families. Original charge for Astro Camp is Php 1,000 net per child.

The Astro Camp on the night of the Lyrids will be facilitated by in-house astronomer Ramon Acevedo with the assistance of the UP Astronomical Society. Kids will enjoy film showings, interesting lectures and fun activities, capped with watching the spectacular Lyrids Meteor Shower at night. The total package for the Astro Camp include room accommodation, set

breakfast, lunch, dinner kiddie meals, free flowing hot chocolate and one plate of cookies for stargazing, Astro Kits and membership in the Astro Kiddie Club.

Everyone

is invited to witness the Lyrids Meteor Shower at Seven Suites Hotel Observatory. Now on its 10th year, the hotel is located at Hollywood Hills Subdivision, Sumulong Highway, Antipolo City (across Valley Golf Country Club). It is just 30 minutes away from Cubao or Ortigas and 15 minutes from the Marcos Highway in Pasig. For reservations and inquiries, call 6822076 / 4906407 or visit www.sevensuites.net.