

Tacoma Astronomical Society

Public Night Schedule

2026 - 2027

Pierce College, Ft. Steilacoom – Science Dome
(Rainier Building) 9401 Farwest Dr. Lakewood, WA

October 1st through March 31st (bold)

Presentation Starts at 7:30 PM

April 1st through September 30th (italic)

Presentation Starts at 9:00 PM



Website: www.tas-online.org

Facebook: @TacomaAstronomicalSociety

The Tacoma Astronomical Society hosts free public events each month at the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom Science Dome in the Rainier Building. Indoor presentations, demonstrations, and workshops are held regardless of the weather. On clear nights, TAS volunteers share their telescopes for a star party immediately after the presentation.

Our programs are **free**, and donations are gladly accepted. Donations support public education, our student group, and new program offerings. Public programs are targeted to audiences of all ages and abilities.

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All meetings are in the Science Dome (Rainier Building) unless otherwise on our TAS Calendar or Facebook

Italic 9:00 pm - Bold 7:30 PM

Dates	Program
<i>September 19</i>	<i>International Observe the Moon Night!</i>
<i>September 26</i>	<i>Reasons for the Seasons</i>
October 10	10-year Timelapse of the Sky: The Vera Rubin Telescope
October 24	Dr. Hayes from Pacific Lutheran University
November 7	Comets
November 14	Binoculars and Telescopes for the Holidays
December 5	The Christmas Star (movie)

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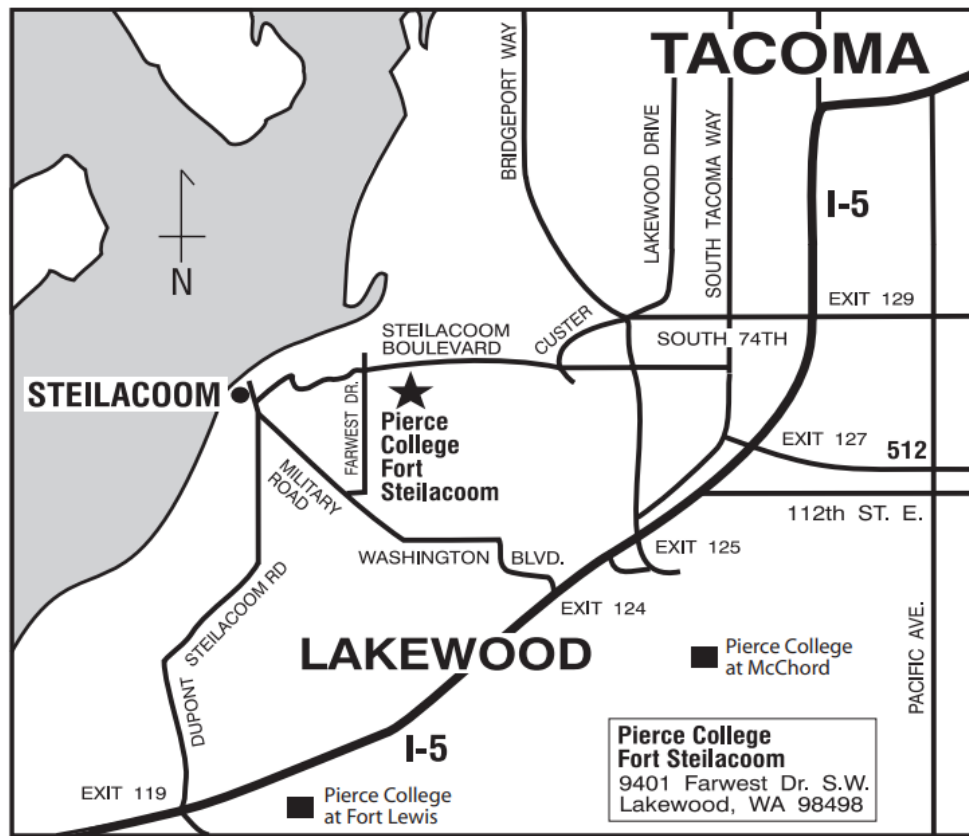
January 9	Escape Velocity: Shedding Light on Black Holes
January 23	Telescopes in Spaaaaace!
February 6	Galaxies
February 27	Tour of the Solar System
March 13	Our Favorite Constellations (TAS Student presentation)
March 20	So, You Want to Be an Amateur Astronomer
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Scale of the Universe</i>
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Space Exploration</i>
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Vacation Astronomy</i>
<i>May 22</i>	<i>Space Rocks</i>
<i>June 12</i>	<i>Misbehaving and Unpredictable Space Oddities</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Jupiter and Saturn</i>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>The Stuff In-between – Interstellar Space</i>

Astronomy Fair (keep an eye on our Facebook page for details)

Program presenters, and public night helpers are all Tacoma Astronomical Society Volunteers. Volunteers are available throughout the evening to answer questions and discuss all aspects of astronomy. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact our outreach committee at outreach@tas-online.org



Directions



From I-5 - Gravelly Lake exit

- Note: There are numerous traffic circles along this route. Unless directed to turn, follow the road you are on through the traffic circle. There are directional signs to the college.
- Follow I-5 to Gravelly Lake Exit 124
- From north-bound I-5: turn left and go over the freeway. From south-bound I-5: turn right.
- At the traffic circle, turn left to continue on Gravelly Lake Drive SW.
- After Lakewold Garden, turn left into the traffic circle onto Washington Blvd. After Edgewood Ave, it will take a slight right and become Military Road.
- At the light, turn right on 112th St. S. W. then immediately turn left (one-half block) onto Farwest Drive.
- Continue on Farwest Drive, Pierce College will be on the right. The main entrance by the reader board.
- Park in the "A" Lot for the Rainier, Sunrise, and Cascade Buildings. The Science Dome is in the Rainier Building.

From I-5 - 72nd St exit

- Follow I-5 to 72nd Street Exit 129
- Turn right onto 74th; proceed on 74th, crossing South Tacoma Way and Lakewood Drive.
- 74th turns into Custer Road and crosses Bridgeport Way; stay in the right lane.
- Turn right on 88th St. S.W. which after two or three blocks becomes Steilacoom Blvd.
- Proceed on Steilacoom past the Oakbrook shopping mall, the light at 83rd Avenue and the Western State Hospital complex.
- Turn left at the light on Farwest Drive (the street is called Farwest on the left, Sentinel on the right).
- Drive up the hill and enter the campus on your left at the main entrance by the reader board sign.

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