

Eighteenth Annual Georgia Regional Astronomers Meeting
25-26 October, 2019 – Dalton State College, Dalton, GA
Host: Dalton State College, Dept. of Physical Science

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

You are hereby invited to participate in the next Georgia Regional Astronomers Meeting (GRAM) which will be hosted by the Dalton State College the weekend of October 25 and 26, 2019. You may give an oral presentation (there are a limited number of slots available) or a poster presentation on the astronomical topic of your choice. Amateur astronomers are especially urged to attend and participate in this year's event.

The GRAM event will begin with an informal presentation and appetizers on Friday evening, October 25, and viewing through the Dalton State College 24-inch telescope located at the Dalton State Observatory (weather permitting).

The astronomy talks and poster presentations will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 (with a break for lunch). All presentations should be no more than 15 minutes in length (including follow-up questions and answers). There is no limit as to the number of astronomy posters for display.

While you are **not** required to give an oral presentation or submit a poster for display, please consider this an excellent opportunity to enlighten other GRAM participants regarding your own recent astronomical activities.

There is NO registration fee to attend the GRAM event.

For our planning purposes, and because the oral presentations are limited to Saturday, October 26, please note that we may not be able to accommodate all requestors. Therefore, please complete and return this form as soon as possible to sblair1@daltonstate.edu . Registration deadline for submitting presentation abstracts is Friday, October 18.

Your Name: _____

Institution or Affiliation: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Preference: Talk _____ Poster _____ Neither _____

Title of your presentation or poster: _____

Do you have any special audiovisual requirements for your presentation?

Yes ___ No ___

Abstract (200 words or less): _____

I will arrive on Friday ___ **Saturday** ___

Do you have any dietary restrictions or preferences (for Saturday lunch)?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please describe: _____

The meeting will be held in **Peeples Hall** on campus. Dalton State College is located at 650 College Dr, Dalton, GA 30720. A campus map is located at <https://www.daltonstate.edu/map/>. On Friday evening (after 5 p.m.) and all day Saturday, you can park in the parking lots behind and adjacent to Peeples Hall.

As previously stated, there is no registration fee for this meeting. However, with the exception of Saturday lunch (which will be provided), attendees will be responsible for paying for their own meals and for securing lodging and transportation in the area. Phone numbers of some local hotels are given below. Distances are to the Peeples Hall on DSC campus.

	Distance (miles)	Phone
Courtyard Dalton 785 College Dr Dalton GA 30720	0.75	(706) 275-7215
La Quinta Inn and Suites by Wyndham 715 College Dr., Dalton, GA 30720	0.8	(706) 272-9099
Howard Johnson by Wyndham Dalton 790 College Dr Dalton GA 30720	0.8	(706) 281-1880
Holiday Inn Express 865 Holiday Inn Drive, Dalton GA 30720	0.9	(706) 217-6200
Quality Inn 875 College Dr Dalton GA 30720	0.9	(706) 278-0500
Country Inn and Suites by Raddison 903 West Bridge Road, Dalton, GA 30720	1.10	(706) 278-9700

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Local Organizing Committee: Samantha Blair, Xinghai Zhao

Tentative Agenda

Friday, October 25 - Evening:

Friday evening arrivers are cordially invited (but certainly not required) to attend the following public lecture:

To be given by Dr. Xinghai Zhao

Saturday, October 26:

- 8:00 – 8:45: Coffee and refreshments
- 8:45: Welcome and Introduction
- 9:00 – 12:00: Welcome & oral presentations (posters will be on display for the duration of the meeting)
- 12:00 – 1:30: Lunch on campus
- 1:30 – 3:15: Oral presentations
- 3:15: Break
- 3:30 – 5:00: Oral presentations and wrap up