



Accessible Astronomy Workshops Offered for Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Two tactile astronomy workshops will be offered on **Saturday, May 21, 2016** at the McCarthy Observatory in New Milford, Connecticut. Noreen Grice, an accessible astronomy educator, author and founder of You Can Do Astronomy LLC, will present both workshops.

The **Constellation Workshop** takes place from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and includes activities on how to identify star patterns by touch using a tactile star chart. In the **Moon Workshop**, offered from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., students will learn to identify the moon's phases and explore the lunar surface. Both workshops include hands-on activities and materials to take home.

These workshops are presented at no charge to students and are designed for **blind or visually impaired students in grades 7 – 12**. Students can sign up for one or both workshops. Participation is **limited to 16 students for each workshop**, and pre-registration is required.

Please contact Elaine Green (ebgreen2fly@aol.com) to register for one or both workshops, or call 203-526-7071 with any questions. When registering, please state whether the participating student reads Braille or large print, and provide a contact email for the student.

The McCarthy Observatory is located on the campus of New Milford High School, Route 7, New Milford, Connecticut. You Can Do Astronomy LLC makes astronomy and space science accessible.