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Tahoe Star Tours Returns with a New Lead Star Guide and a Full Summer 2026 Schedule

Astronomer KC Rodrigue takes the helm of the popular Lake Tahoe area stargazing experience

LAKE TAHOE, CA/NV (March 31, 2026) - The famously dark skies in the Lake Tahoe region offer an unobstructed view of the night sky, and this summer [Tahoe Star Tours](#) is returning with a new lead star guide and a full summer of weekly and special events. Experienced astronomer and star guide KC Rodrigue has succeeded Tahoe Star Tours founder Tony Berendsen, to continue the popular summer stargazing series following Berendsen's retirement.

Rodrigue, program operator at the Fleischmann Planetarium at the University of Nevada, Reno, Astronomy teacher at Truckee Meadows Community College, and Tahoe Star Tours' telescope operator for the past nine years, will continue the docent-led format Tahoe Star Tours is known for. Each tour of the night sky includes a lively science-based talk about the cosmos and viewing of the constellations through high-powered, professional Celestron telescopes, including the Celestron Origin. The telescopes use leading edge computerized technology for accurate pointing and tracking, with advanced optics that capture high quality images of deep sky objects.

Events will return to the Cosmoarium at Northstar California Resort on Thursdays and Saturdays from June through September. Additionally, Tahoe Star Tours has partnered with Edgewood Tahoe Resort and The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe to bring special stargazing events to their guests on select dates this summer. Details will be available on each property's website.

"The images that can be viewed through the Celestron Origin telescope pick up more detail than our eyes can see through an eyepiece of a telescope, bringing out the colors in Nebulae or the spiral arms of galaxies," said Rodrigue. "I'm excited to continue sharing the wonders of the Cosmos with our guests, plus a history of science fiction that finishes with one of my personal favorite books that was adapted for the big screen this year, 'Project Hail Mary.'"

In addition to its weekly schedule of events, Tahoe Star Tours will host two special viewing events this summer, including the Perseid meteor shower on August 11 and 12, which happens to be a New Moon this year. During New Moons, the sky is especially dark due to the lack of moonlight, allowing viewing of extra dim meteors. A Carl Sagan dedication evening will conclude the season on September 5, highlighting the impact on the public Carl Sagan had through his career, with a guest speaker Dr. Melodi Rodrigue.

Tahoe Star Tours events at Northstar are \$50 for adults and \$30 for children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free), and advance reservations are required. Tours begin at 8:30 p.m. and conclude at 10:30 p.m. Discounts are offered to active-duty military and seniors ages 65+. A 10% discount is also offered to Epic pass holders for stargazing events held at Northstar California Resort. Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. Additionally, during the event, images from the Celestron Origin will be displayed on an iPad and guests will have the opportunity to purchase an add-on to their tickets to get the images emailed to them after the event.

Rodrigue has assisted former Tahoe Star Tours star guide Tony Berendsen with astronomy events in the Lake Tahoe region for nine years, offering a distinct blend of science and art, and captivating the minds of curious participants. Advance reservations for all Tahoe Star Tours events are recommended, and all tours are offered weather and conditions permitting.

Tahoe Star Tours also offers private group events by advance reservation. Learn more, view the complete schedule, and reserve tickets at www.tahoestartours.com.

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About Tahoe Star Tours

The star guides at Tahoe Star Tours have led tours of the night sky above the Lake Tahoe region for 20+ years. Every Tahoe Star Tours event is as different as the starry skies above, and each one opens with a compelling star talk, followed by telescopic viewing exclusively featuring computerized Celestron telescopes. Learn more and reserve tickets at www.tahoestartours.com.

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