

FRIDAY
17

SATURDAY
18

6:00 - 9:00 pm
Wildland
Photo Tours
\$150

After Dark – Small Group Photo Tour

Experience Jasper’s legendary dark skies on the AFTER DARK tour—a guided sunset-to-nightfall journey to stunning stargazing spots beyond the townsite. With stops chosen based on conditions and celestial events, this immersive experience offers breathtaking views of the cosmos from dramatic locations like Pyramid Lake, Lake Annette, and Athabasca Falls.

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Robson Park
FREE

Fireside Chat

Experience the power of Indigenous drumming, singing, and storytelling under the open sky. Led by a local Knowledge Keeper, this unique gathering connects you to the land and its traditions.

8:00 - 9:00 pm
Commemoration
Park
FREE

Yoga Under the Stars

Join Jasper Wellness for Yoga Under the Stars, an all-level evening class designed to help you unwind beneath the constellations. The class is weather dependent, so dress in layers and bring your own mat, towel, or blanket!

6:00 - 10:00 pm
Jasper Art
Gallery
FREE

Dark Designs-a Night Sky Celebration of Artistic Expression

A themed event in concert, Artists will bring to light all things dark and wonderful in our Dark Sky Preserve. In two parts, a photographic display in the lower gallery and two and three dimensional works in the upper gallery. Join us for live entertainment, food & beverages.

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Overnight Trip
Cabin Lake
Trailhead
\$275

Experience the magic of the Dark Sky Festival with an all-inclusive guided **overnight** backcountry hike and stargazing adventure, featuring guided camping, mountain cuisine, and telescope views under pristine Rocky Mountain skies. **Tents, food, and overnight group camping equipment are provided.**

8:30 - 9:30 am
Jasper Library
FREE

Lab Notes Live: About Wildfire Ecosystems with Landon Shepherd

Join wildfire expert Landon Shepherd for a lively discussion on wildfire ecosystems, how they shape landscapes, support biodiversity, and adapt to climate change. Connect with fellow festivalgoers and local experts over coffee, conversation, and a shared curiosity for the natural and cosmic world.

ALL DAY
Participating
Retail Stores

Constellation Quest

Embark on the Constellation Quest, a fun in-store treasure hunt where surprise meets shopping. Search participating shops for hidden gift cards and uncover one of three stellar prizes: \$75, \$50, or \$25, redeemable the same day only.

4:00 - 9:00 pm
Wildland
Photo Tours
\$250

Intro to Astro – Photography Workshop

Join Wildland Photo Tours for a hands-on night sky photography workshop, starting with a short indoor session on gear, techniques, and planning. Then head into the field to capture stunning nightscapes under Jasper’s famously dark skies—weather permitting!

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us under the stars for two free space-themed movie screenings at Commemoration Park!

4:00 - 6:00 pm
Elio

Bring a blanket, bundle up, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of cinema under the cosmos. Snacks available for purchase!

8:00 - 10:00 pm
Interstellar
PG-13

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Robson Park
FREE

Fireside Chat

Experience the power of Indigenous drumming, singing, and storytelling under the open sky. Led by a local Knowledge Keeper, this unique gathering connects you to the land and its traditions.

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Jasper Royal
Canadian
Legion
Branch 31
(18+ event)
\$25

Starry Night Improv Show - Jasper Theatre Productions

Welcome to Jasper Theater’s Starry Night Improv Show — where comedy launches under the stars! Your suggestions fuel the fun as our improv crew rockets through a galaxy of laughs. Get ready for a night of spontaneous, star-powered entertainment!

7:30 pm - LATE
Ursidae Lair

Ursidae Lair Scotch Tasting

Ursidae Lair provides a portal into the world of scotch, with over 40 offerings. The lounge will introduce you to the world of scotch through the uniquely crafted cocktails and an atmosphere completely unique to Jasper. - soft Jazz playing the background, a place to have a conversation and a quality cocktail or scotch flight.



8:30 - 9:30 am
Andromeda
FREE

Lab Notes Live: Jeanine Holowatuik on The Night is Changing – The How & Why

Join Astro Photographer & avid aurora chaser, Jeanine Holowatuik as she provides a visual presentation on how the night sky is changing. In the past 10 years as a night photographer, her journey has turned to dark sky advocacy as she has witnessed and captured the dramatic changes to the night sky.

10:00 - 11:00 am
Pyramid Room,
Jasper Inn &
Suites
FREE

Sounds of the Solar System: Sound Bath

Relax, unwind, and journey through space with this immersive sound bath experience. Using planetary frequencies and ambient tones, you’ll be guided into deep calm and cosmic reflection—no movement required. Bring a mat or blanket and prepare to float among the stars.

FRIDAY
24

5:00 - 9:00 pm
Old Firehall
FREE

Jasper Rocketry Lab

The Edmonton Rocketry Club (ERC) promotes model rocketry as a hobby, welcoming members of all ages to build and safely launch rockets of all sizes and power levels. They also provide guidance and support for those interested in exploring high-powered rocketry.

6:00 - 8:00 pm
Evil Dave’s Grill
\$69.95

Dinner & Conversation with Astronaut Robert Thirsk

3000 Orbits – Life Aboard the International Space Station. Robert Thirsk will share personal experiences of his six-month mission aboard the International Space Station, including his launch to space aboard a Soyuz rocket and the rollicking return back home. Enjoy a 3-course meal as Bob describe’s life in space as well as an astronaut’s typical day aboard the Space Station. Featuring art by Art Laurenson.



4:00 - 7:00 pm
Lake Annette
FREE

Celebrate pahkisisimon—Cree for sunset—at Lake Annette with a ceremonial tipi raising, followed by teachings, drumming, and song from Warrior Women. As night falls, enjoy storytelling and dancing to welcome the stars. Stay after for stargazing or head into town for more evening events. Complimentary shuttles are available on first come, first served basis.

6:00 - 9:00 pm
Wildland
Photo Tours
\$150

After Dark – Small Group Photo Tour

Experience Jasper’s legendary dark skies on the AFTER DARK tour—a guided sunset-to-nightfall journey to stunning stargazing spots beyond the townsite. With stops chosen based on conditions and celestial events, this immersive experience offers breathtaking views of the cosmos from dramatic locations like Pyramid Lake, Lake Annette, and Athabasca Falls.

8:00 - 11:00 pm
Lake Annette
FREE

STARGAZING WITH RASC

Want to experience celestial delights in Jasper’s dark sky? Join the astronomers from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Edmonton Centre at this free event for views through their telescopes of solar system and deep space objects. From our neighbor, the moon, to distant nebulas and galaxies, the sky is full of surprises! (Weather permitting.)

9:00 - 11:00 pm
Maligne Range
(18+ event)
\$15

Mythologies of Outer Space: featuring Jim Ellis, Noreen Humble, Keith Sidwell, and Kyle Flemmer

Join contributors to Mythologies of Outer Space for an evening exploring how space has been imagined through history and literature. Featuring readings, discussion, and a screening of *Afronauts* (2012), the event includes moon voyage myths, star-inspired poetry, and one of the earliest fictional lunar tales.

Overnight Trip
Cabin Lake
Trailhead
\$275

A Night Under the Stars

Experience the magic of the Dark Sky Festival with an all-inclusive guided **overnight** backcountry hike and stargazing adventure, featuring guided camping, mountain cuisine, and telescope views under pristine Rocky Mountain skies. **Tents, food, and overnight group camping equipment are provided.**

SATURDAY
25

ALL DAY
Participating
Retail Stores

Constellation Quest

Embark on the Constellation Quest, a fun in-store treasure hunt where surprise meets shopping. Search participating shops for hidden gift cards and uncover one of three stellar prizes: \$75, \$50, or \$25, redeemable the same day only.

8:30 - 9:30 am
Andromeda
FREE

Lab Notes Live: Madison Feehan Space

Connect with space enthusiasts, local experts, and fellow festivalgoers over coffee and cosmic curiosity. This edition of Lab Notes Live features Madison Feehan, founder of Space Copy, as she shares insights at the intersection of space technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM innovation.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Old Firehall
FREE

Jasper Rocketry Lab

The Edmonton Rocketry Club (ERC) promotes model rocketry as a hobby, welcoming members of all ages to build and safely launch rockets of all sizes and power levels. They also provide guidance and support for those interested in exploring high-powered rocketry.

12:00 - 2:00 pm
Su Casa
Mexican
Lounge
\$35

Brunch Series: Spacecraft Autonomy: Navigating Shadows and Flames with Andrew Macdonald

Canada is leading the charge to the lunar south pole, using autonomous technologies to explore ice-filled shadowed regions and support future crewed missions. These same innovations are also improving life on Earth, enabling real-time. **Brunch included with ticket.**



Join science demonstrators as they transform Commemoration Park into a lively science lab. Our science presenters, joined by local performer Nikolai Smith, will light up the festival with high-energy experiments and surprising stunts. Expect bursts of energy, flying objects, and plenty of chances for the audience to jump in and be part of the action. Fun for all ages!

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Commemoration
Park
FREE

Mission Control Rover Driving

Mission Control invites all ages to remotely drive robotic rovers through a simulated lunar landscape in Ottawa, right from Jasper. Using the same Spacefarer™ software destined for the BEACON lunar mission, this interactive demo showcases how AI and robotics are shaping the future of space exploration.

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Commemoration
Park
FREE

Blast Off with Edmonton Rocketry Club

Explore different levels of model rockets that you can build at home. Members of the Edmonton Rocketry Club will also be demonstrating some of their larger rockets throughout the afternoon. (Weather permitting.)

2:00 - 4:00 pm
Maligne Range
\$15

Space is the future of medicine on Earth with Kris Lehnhardt

Kris Lehnhardt, MD is an emergency physician who worked at NASA for 7 years designing the space medical systems of the future. In this talk, he will share how space medicine has shaped healthcare on Earth for decades, and describe the future of medicine on Earth - which will be transformed by new space medicine capabilities and technologies.

2:00 - 3:00 pm
Jasper Library
FREE

Super Giants: Stories of the Universe with Kyle Flemmer

For millennia, humanity has looked to the stars to project our hopes and desires. In *Supergiants*, Kyle Flemmer flips this perspective, using the language of engineering and astrophysics to explore what our cosmic curiosity reveals about ourselves.

7:30 pm - LATE
Ursidae Lair

Ursidae Lair Scotch Tasting

Ursidae Lair is a scotch tasting lounge located in Jasper. Ursidae Lair provides a portal into the world of scotch, with over 40 offerings. The lounge will introduce you to the world of scotch through the uniquely crafted cocktails and an atmosphere completely unique to Jasper. Enjoy s oft Jazz playing the background, a place to have a conversation and a quality cocktail or scotch flight.

9:30 - 11:00 pm
Jasper Royal
Canadian
Legion
Branch 31
(18+ event)
\$10

Trivia Night

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of science and friendly competition! Form a team of 2 or 4 and put your knowledge to the test in this lively trivia challenge, hosted by Canadian television personality Alan Nursall.

8:00 - 11:00 pm
Lake Annette
FREE

Stargazing with RASC

Want to experience celestial delights in Jasper’s dark sky? Join the astronomers from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Edmonton Centre at this free event for views through their telescopes of solar system and deep space objects. From our neighbor, the moon, to distant nebulas and galaxies, the sky is full of surprises! (Weather permitting.)

SUNDAY
26

8:30 - 9:30 am
Andromeda
FREE

Lab Notes Live: Emma Lehnhardt on Many Paths to Space

Join Emma Lehnhardt, a space nerd who studied both astronomy and space policy, for a coffee chat about all the different ways to participate in space exploration - from different educational pathways, all of the disciplines required to conduct a space mission, and citizen science and engagement. Emma worked at NASA for over 15 years and will talk about how aerospace needs more than engineers!



Join us for a complimentary open-air concert with chart-topping pop artist TALK, headlining the second weekend of the Jasper Dark Sky Festival. Enjoy live music under the stars with local food stalls, drinks, and mountain magic. No ticket needed—just bring a blanket and bundle up for an unforgettable night. Doors open at 6pm.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
VIC Lawn
FREE

Solar Gazing with RASC

Our nearest star, the Sun (Sol), is a dynamic sphere of gas that erupts with flares and prominences and reveals cooler features like sunspots and filaments. Take a closer look through filters and specialized solar telescopes with astronomers from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Edmonton Centre. (Weather permitting.)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Terra
\$48

Brunch Series: More Than Martians with Dr Tanya Harrison

Why has Mars held humanity’s interest for so long? What mysteries does Mars hold---not just about the history of the Red Planet, but about the origins of life on Earth? Dr. Tanya Harrison discusses how Mars has captivated our imaginations throughout history, why we keep sending missions there, and why exploring Mars matters even if it shouldn’t be humanity’s “Planet B.” **Brunch included with ticket.**

