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Calling all stargazers...

Fancy seeing the stars of the Milky Way up close and personal? What about the rings of Saturn?

All stargazers are invited along to the UTAS Mount Canopus Observatory Open Night this **Saturday 28 April 2012**.

There will be many telescopes to view, with friendly guides from the Astronomical Society of Tasmania.

Professor John Dickey, Head of the UTAS School of Maths and Physics, said the evening would include tours of the UTAS' observatory and talks by astronomers.

"If it is a clear night, people will be able to see craters on the Moon and the rings of Saturn. Also visible will be beautiful clusters of stars along the Milky Way," Prof Dickey said.

"We hope the public will come along and take this chance to see the heavens up close."

Who: All are welcome to attend

What: Mount Canopus Open Night

When: From 7pm to 10pm, Saturday 28 April 2012

Where: The observatory is on the top of Canopus Hill, on Canopus Rd, near Cambridge

Cost: \$5 per person, with children under 16 free

For more information, visit the Astronomical Society of Tasmania website:
www.ast.n3.net

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