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SMCAS General Meeting and Presentation on Friday May 5, 2023

Kevin Simpson

San Mateo Astronomical Society Board Member

Getting Started with a Dobsonian Telescope

Friday, May 5, 2023 , [College of San Mateo, Building 36](#)

SMCAS Pizza Social at 7:00 p.m. in the ISC Room, room 110

Presentation at 8:00 p.m. in the nearby lecture room 109

Free and open to the public, free parking (recommend lots S (staff lot) or Q (student lot)).

Kevin will provide a hands-on introduction to the Dobsonian reflector telescope, a popular and versatile telescope that is a great choice for beginners. We'll have a couple of them on hand to see up close.

Kevin will talk about how this type of telescope works, and will also cover how to select, set up and begin using one. He'll offer tips on accessories that make using a Dob easier and more enjoyable, and great resources for beginners to the hobby. We'll give away two copies of the indispensable ***Turn Left at Orion***, one of the best books for beginner astronomers, as well as three copies of ***50 Things to See with a Small Telescope***.



Kevin Simpson is a Board Member at Large with the San Mateo Astronomical Society. His interest in astronomy began as a child, but he bought his first telescope, a 10" go-to Dob, just two and a half years ago.

Kevin is an avid painter, loves travel, is involved with dog rescue, and makes his career in the software industry.