



ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE

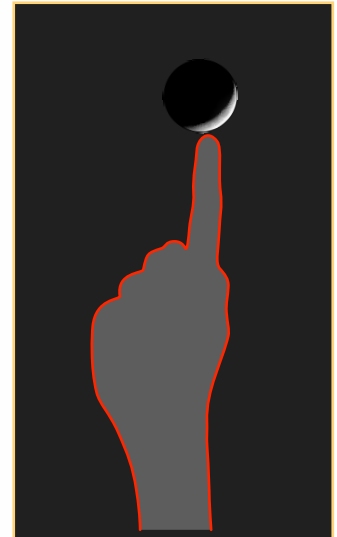
Outreach Moon Activity



Picture a pleasant evening with the full moon rising. While, as amateur astronomers, we avoid observing during such a time, the public likes being under full moon light. Why not take advantage of this by offering sessions on nights near the full moon?

You've seen examples of this on the internet ...

While people are waiting in line for a good look through your scope, encourage them to use their phones (or DSLR cameras) to take images of themselves and others silhouetted in front of the moon. They will love capturing these unusual and unexpected shots, making it a fun, memorable evening.



Remind them that they need to play with the camera's zoom and exposure, and that they need to adjust their distance to the subject for the right proportional sizes.

Because of the improved sensitivity of today's cameras, it doesn't need to be a shot of the full moon. Instead, it can easily show a crescent moon, Venus, or Jupiter.