

Nightfall Star Party & Imaging Conference 2016  
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Palm Canyon Resort hosted the annual astronomy three day event over the weekend from October 27-30. This is a traditional yearly event where astronomers, professors, and enthusiasts bring their telescopes to view the Borrego dark skies at night.

Nightfall is usually held late October or early November. There is a welcome gathering on the porch of the main hotel building in the early evening on Friday night.



Ron Yelton, (Lincoln, CA) an amateur astrophotographer, took photographs of space above Borrego Springs



On Saturday most guests have arrived and a beginner's sky tour along with some presentations and announcements are at the outdoor amphitheater. Borrego's very own astronomer, Dennis Mammana, gave a presentation at the event as well.

The resort changes all the light bulbs to dim red lights and no white lights are allowed during the three day event to allow for the best viewing of the Borrego dark skies.

Guests were able to view some star clusters, distant galaxies, the milky way, and other stars. It was a clear and calm night Friday that was perfect for viewing the bright constellations.

The Palm Canyon Resort also held a potluck BBQ dinner on Saturday evening and astronomy-related presentations throughout the weekend.