

2025 NCRAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Item	Time	Event	Location	Description
Friday, April 25th	2 PM – 6 PM	Registration	Hotel Lobby	Registration and badge pickup
	5 PM - 6 PM	Travel to Eagle Lake Observatory	Front Desk (hotel departure)	Car, Caravan / carpool to Eagle Lake Observatory
	6:00 PM	Star B Q	Eagle Lake Observatory	Food and drink at beach shelter
	7:00 PM	Talks	Eagle Lake Observatory	Greg Bragg , Ron Schmidt
	7:00 PM	Observatories open for tour	Eagle Lake Observatory	
	8:30 PM	Night sky observing	Eagle Lake Observatory	Weather permitting (sunset is at ~8:09 PM)
	TBD	Return to hotel		
Saturday, April 26th	7 AM to 12 PM	Registration	Hotel Lobby	Breakfast on your own
	8 – 9:30 AM	NCRAL Business Meeting	Lake of the Woods Ballroom	
	10 – 10:45 AM	Session 1	LOTW Ballroom	Evan Skillman – “Using the Large Binocular Telescope to Measure the Primordial Helium Abundance”
	11 – 11:45 AM	Session 2	LOTW Ballroom	Mike Benson – Astrophotography, My Journey”
	12 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	LOTW Ballroom	Box Lunch or lunch on your own
	1:30 to 2:15 PM	Session 3	LOTW Ballroom	Clem Pryke – “Studying the Beginning of the Universe from the Bottom of the World”
	2:30 to 3:15 PM	Session 4	LOTW Ballroom	John Rummel – “Can the Milky Way Cast a Shadow”
	3:30 to 4:15 PM	Session 5	LOTW Ballroom	Bob King – “NASA’s Planned NEO Surveyor Hunts Down Killer Asteroids”
	4:30 PM	Group Photo	TBD	
	5:00 PM	Social hour	Social Foyer	
	6:30 PM	Dinner	LOTW Ballroom	Lawrence Rudnick (keynote) – “Game Changers in the Radio Sky”. Awards (after keynote talk)
Sunday, April 27th		Sky Show	Bell Museum	Museum-Planetarium discount with coupon (code) for attendees