

2025 NCRAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Item	Time	Event	Location	Description
Friday, April 25th	2 PM – 6 PM	Registration	Front Desk (hotel)	Registration and badge pickup
	4:30 PM	Travel to Eagle Lake Observatory	Front Desk (hotel departure	Car, Caravan / carpool to Eagle Lake Observatory
	5:30 PM	Star B Q and Tour	Eagle Lake Observatory	Food, observatory tours, talks
	6:30 PM	Talks	Eagle Lake Observatory	Greg Bragg , Ron Schmidt
	7 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 10 AM	Breakfast		On your own
	8 – 9:30 AM	NCRAL Business Meeting	Main room	
	10 – 10:45 AM	Session 1	Main room	Evan Skillman – “Using the Large Binocular Telescope to Measure the Primordial Helium Abundance”
	11 – 11:45 AM	Session 2	Main room	Mike Benson – Astrophotography, My Journey”
	12 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	Conference room	Box Lunch or bring your own

	1:30 to 2:15 PM	Session 3	Main room	Clem Pryke – “Studying the Beginning of the Universe from the Bottom of the World”
	2:30 to 3:15 PM	Session 4	Main room	John Rummel – “Can the Milky Way Cast a Shadow”
	3:30 to 4:15 PM	Session 5	Main room	Bob King – “NASA’s Planned NEO Surveyor Hunts Down Killer Asteroids”
	4:30 PM	Group Photo		
	5 PM	Social hour	Social room	
	6:30 PM	Dinner	Main room	Lawrence Rudnick (keynote) – “Game Changers in the Radio Sky”. Awards (after keynote talk)
Sunday, April 27th	All weekend	Sky Show	Bell Museum	Museum-Planetarium discount with coupon (code) for attendees

Locations

Minneapolis Marriot Southwest

5801 Opus Parkway
Minnetonka, MN

Eagle Lake Observatory

Carver County Baylor Regional Park
10775 County Road 33
Norwood-Young America, MN