

# Etscorn Campus Observatory

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# TECH

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology



New Mexico Tech is proud to have an exceptional campus observatory, available to students for observing and educational purposes and to the general public for group viewing and scheduled star parties.

New Mexico Tech is an undergraduate and graduate university specializing in science and engineering education and research. Tech, a state-supported university, is



located in Socorro, New Mexico, about 75 miles south of Albuquerque. Tech divisions and departments include world-class research programs providing unique opportunities for students.

New Mexico Tech's Astronomy Club is the student group focused on using the observatory and conducting



"I have loved the stars too fondly to be  
fearful of the night."

*Sarah Williams (1837-1868)*



public star parties and other outreach activities. Club members also have access to the observatory's telescopes. Most club members are New Mexico Tech students, but there are also members from all over New Mexico who participate in varying degrees.

Members of the Astronomy Club are not necessarily astrophysics majors. Although New Mexico Tech offers astrophysics, some club members major in engineering, computer science, and other fields. Tech students have made use of ECO facilities to pursue projects of their own interest, to conduct projects for classrooms and labs, to test equipment for Magdalena Ridge Observatory, and many other purposes. Some of these projects have led to careers in astronomy.

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