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Family Astronomy Event at Dickson Mounds Museum on August 12

LEWISTOWN, IL – At Dickson Mounds Museum on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. visitors are invited to enjoy a new event, "Family Night: Astronomy." Participants of all ages may discover the intricacies of the night sky through telescopes, a star lab, and related crafts. A portable planetarium will provide a view of the stars, rain or shine. The program will also include a chance for participants to enjoy viewing the Perseid Meteor Shower throughout the Museum's grounds.

Admission is free; however, donations are appreciated. Registration is not required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own blankets or lawn chairs to use for the outdoor portion of the event.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.