

# Carolina Skies Astronomy Club

*(We See Stars)*

Invites you to its December meeting  
Saturday December 8 at 6:30 pm  
to be held at **A Time for Science** Nature and Science Learning Center

This event, free and open to the public, begins with an indoor presentation of

## **A SCHOLARLY LOOK AT THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

and will be followed (weather permitting) by star gazing with the amateur astronomers of the astronomy club

### About this Program

It is traditional at this time of year for stargazers to ponder the possible origin of the Star of Bethlehem. Was the so-called Christmas "Star" an unusual, eye-catching gathering of naked-eye planets? Was this "sign in the sky" a meteor, a comet, a nova, or was it, indeed, something supernatural? While there is no definite answer to this age-old question, any search for an answer leads us down interesting paths not only of science, but also history, religion and philosophy. It really is one of the most unusual detective stories of all time. This exciting program, developed by NASA's Night Sky Network several years ago and expanded on with information from additional researchers, examines the skies around the time of Christ's birth to explore possible astronomical phenomena that may have given rise to the Star of Bethlehem.

### Location

**A Time for Science** Nature and Science Learning Center (**ATFS**) is located off Highway 11 between Ayden and Grifton in Contentnea Creek Estates. The physical address is **949 Contentnea Lane, Grifton NC 28530**. Turn on to Jacksontown Road – just south of the Pepsi Bottling Plant – proceed about 2 miles then enter Contentnea Creek Estates where you see the **A Time for Science** sign. The "Green Resource Center" is on the left.

To be part of the 21st century we must make **A TIME FOR SCIENCE** now.  
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