

# Your Hosts



William Ramey

Bill studied advanced astronomical principles and mechanical physics. He has been conducting star parties for over five years, during which he presents understandable principles. He also oversees MaRIO (Marathon Remote Imaging Observatory) in Marathon, TX.



Andy Torres

Andy hails from the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He sold his home in 2021 and became a full-time RVer. After travelling much of the USA, he fell in love with Marathon's night skies and became an astrophotographer and star party host.

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*The very best night experience of my road trip through the USA*

-Scott Hamilton

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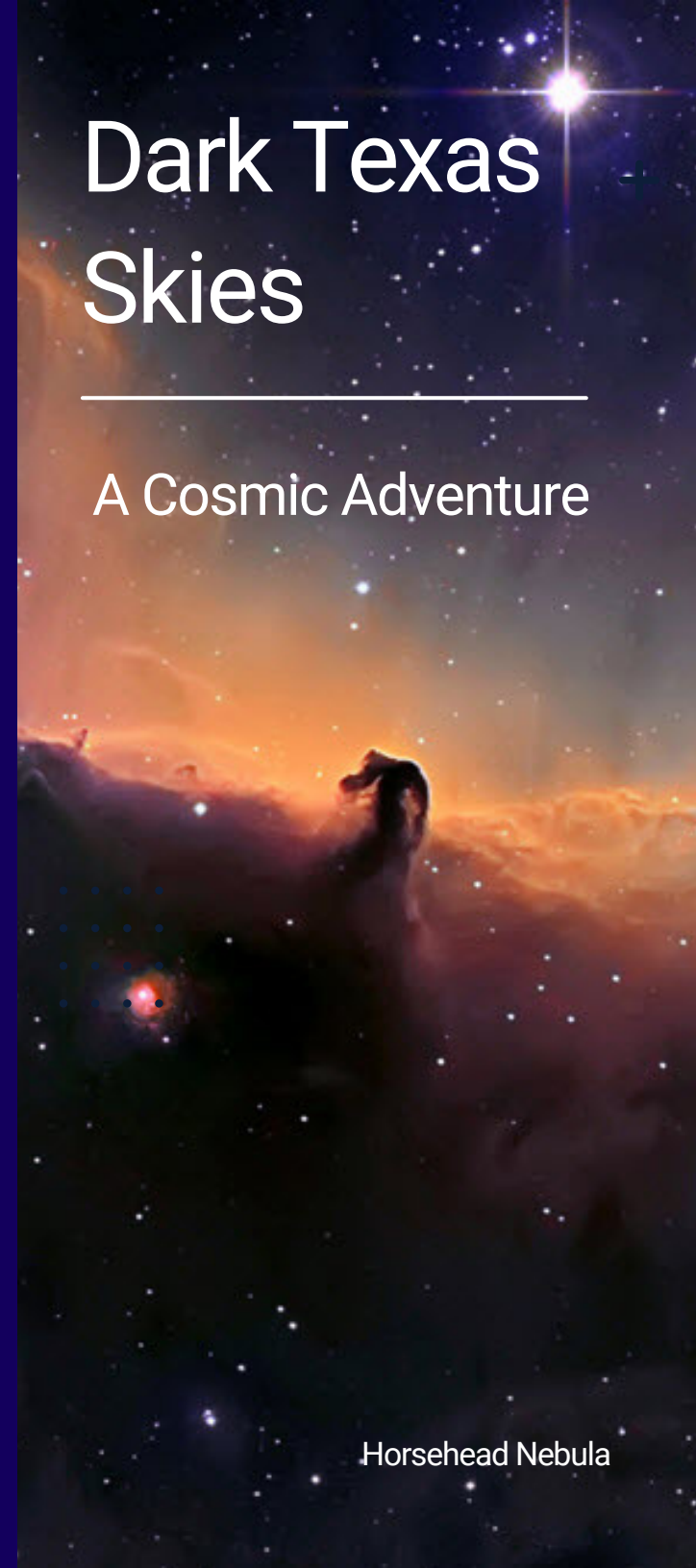


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## A Cosmic Adventure



Horsehead Nebula



Sagittarius Band

## Our Advantage

- 👍 Exceptional quality of protected dark nighttime sky ranks as Bortle Class #1 Night Sky.
- 👍 Naked-eye limiting magnitude range is 7.6-8.0. What does this mean? It's dark here!
- 👍 Large 20 & 24 inch Dobsonian telescopes with 2 inch high-end Tele Vue eyepieces.
- 👍 Personal attention and informative answers from very knowledgeable hosts.

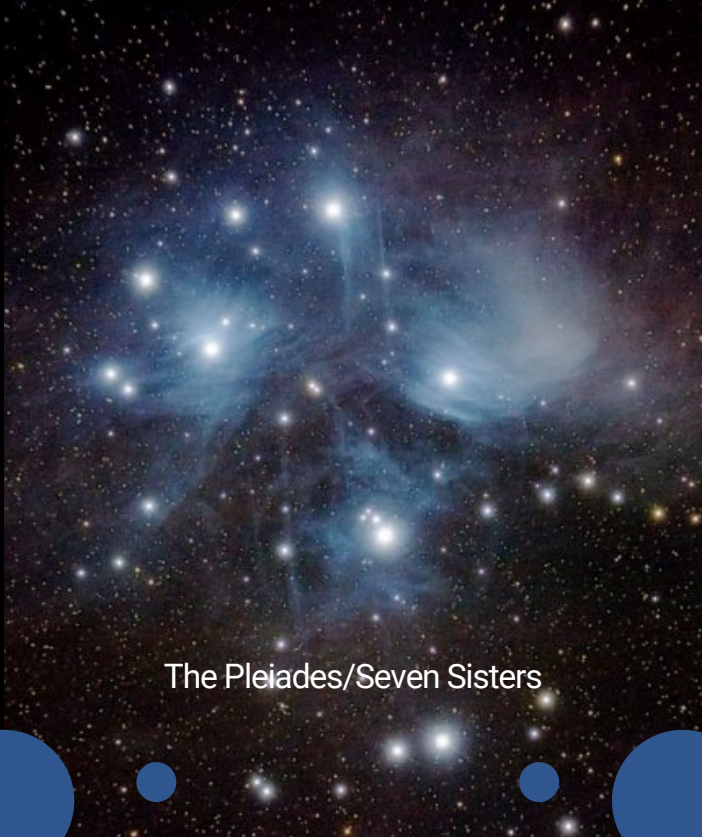
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Marathon, TX is part of the Greater Big Bend International Dark Sky Reserve - the world's largest reserve and protected dark sky portal to the stars!

**\$10.00 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE**

## About Us

Dark Texas Skies is located in southwest Texas at the Marathon Motel & RV Park. The location has been featured on Texas Country Reporter and in magazine and newspaper articles because of its stunning nighttime canopy of stars and other astronomical amenities.



The Pleiades/Seven Sisters

## What To Expect

Star Parties begin soon after sunset at the Visual Observatory, about 150 feet behind Room 8.

Depending on conditions, we will observe constellations, red giant stars, globular clusters, open and close clusters, planets, nebulae, galaxies, the Zodiacal Light, the Moon and much more.

Bring your camera, binoculars, red light and a chair if you have them.

PLEASE NOTE: A star party may be cancelled because of weather.