



**Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Centers  
ADIRONDACK PARK HQ**

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**PAUL SMITHS VIC TO HOST ASTRONOMY PROGRAM  
AND CHILDREN'S SNOWSHOE WALK**

PAUL SMITHS, NY - The Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) at Paul Smiths will host an astronomy program and a children's snowshoe walk in January.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, Ed Gucker will present a "Winter Stars and Constellations" program from 7 to 9 p.m. Gucker is a retired astronomy professor from the SUNY College at Brockport. Stargazers will start inside with a lecture about the winter sky and then, weather permitting, go outside to view the stars through a telescope. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars with them. Preregistration is required, and the program is free.

On Sunday, Jan. 21 the VIC will host a children's program titled "Snowshoes on Snowshoes" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Kids 5-12 are welcome to visit the VIC and search for snowshoe hares on snowshoes. They will look for signs of these fuzzy mammals and learn some interesting factoids. Preregistration is required, and the program is free. Snowshoes will be provided.

The New York State Adirondack Park Agency operates two VICs, in Paul Smiths and Newcomb, which serve as Adirondack Park HQ for parkwide interpretation. They are open year-round from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas and Thanksgiving and offer a wide array of educational programs, miles of interpretive trails and visitor information services. Admission is free.

The Paul Smiths VIC is located 12 miles north of Saranac Lake on Route 30. For more information, call (518) 327-3000 or log on to the centers' Web site at [www.adkvic.org](http://www.adkvic.org).

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