

Space, Astronomy and Astrophotography

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Training Sessions

Digital Camera Training Sessions

1. Basics Camera Controls

Focus

Exposure control 1: Aperture

Exposure control 2: Shutter

Exposure control 3: ISO

- 2. Digital settings (White Balance, Colors, File Format)
- 3. Night Photography
- 4. MILKY WAY!

Telescope Training Sessions

- Basic Telescope operations
 Finder collimation
 Aiming a target object
 Focusing
- 2. Polar Alignment (rough alignment, precise alignment)
- Picture taking with the telescope
 with smartphone
 with DSLR/mirrorless camera
 with telescope webcam and computer

Digital camera training 1 Basic Operations

- 1. Focus
- 2. Exposure control 1: Aperture
- 3. Exposure control 2: Shutter speed
- 4. Exposure control 3: ISO Sensitivity

Digital Camera Training 2 Digital Controls

- White Balance: warm/cold look
- File type and size (RAW vs JPEG, compression)
- Colours (Saturation, contrast)

Digital Camera Training 3 Night Photography

- Tripod setup
- Focusing in dim light
- Measuring and setting exposure in dim light
- Triggering camera on tripod

Digital Camera Training 4 Milky Way

- Tripod setup & camera preparation
- Framing your picture
- Focussing
- Exposure parameters
- Single exposure images
- Multiple stacked images

Telescope Training 1 Basic Operations

- Telescope Setup
- Finder collimation
- Aiming at a target object: coarse aiming, fine-tuning
- Focussing the telescope
- Visual observation

Telescope Training 2 Polar Alignment

- Find your local GPS coordinates
- Rough alignment with compass and telescope latitude dial
- Precise alignment, aiming at Polaris
- Check polar alignment accuracy:
 visual observations over an extended period of time
- Image stabilization with Right Ascension Motor Drive

Telescope Training 3 Picture taking with the telescope

- Telescope setup in polar alignment
- Visual observation
- Image stabilization with Right Ascension Motor Drive
- Picture taking with smartphone
- Picture taking with DSLR/mirrorless camera
- Picture taking with webcam and computer
- Multiple pictures for stacking