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It is at such times that we at PBS Utah feel the importance of our mission to deliver trusted, quality programming that entertains, enriches, and informs viewers of all ages, in urban and rural areas, on-air, online, and in the community. We know you depend on us for in-depth news, information, and analysis to understand these events, as well as dramas, mysteries, and arts programs to offer you engaging diversions, which we all need from time to time.

Some of the most important services we offer are meant to benefit Utah’s youngest citizens. A recent survey ranked PBS KIDS as the #1 educational media brand, and 85% of parents also agreed that it is a trusted and safe source for children to watch television and play digital games and mobile apps. PBS Utah is proud to offer a full schedule of these vital programs not only on our main channel, but also on our free PBS KIDS 24/7 channel on channel 7.3. These channels also streams live at pbsutah.org/kids

and on the free PBS KIDS video apps. Episodes of children’s programs can also be streamed on demand through the same platforms.

You are probably already familiar with programs like **Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood** and **Wild Kratts** on those channels and platforms, but you may not be aware of another great resource for Utah students, parents, and educators — PBS Learning Media. Hours of standards-aligned videos, interactives, and lesson plans live at <https://utah.pbslearningmedia.org/>. You can browse them by subject, grade, or standards. And, just like the PBS KIDS programs you know, these resources are free.

Whatever the next several months and years may hold in store for Utahns, PBS Utah will continue to stand as a critical resource for educators and learners of all ages. It is at the very heart of our mission, and is what you make possible with your support of PBS Utah. Thank you.



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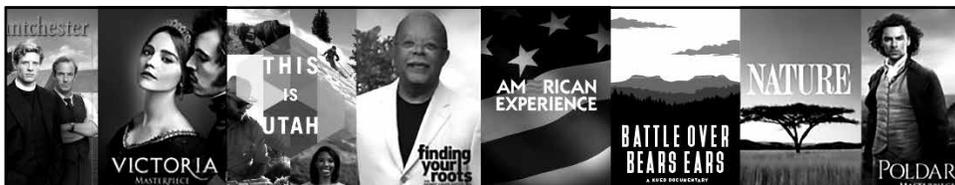
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Dark Ranger Telescope Tours has one of the largest collections of telescopes in the four-corners region (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado) and also boasts nearly a century of collective stargazing experience. Above all, the Dark Rangers ("a family who scopes together, and mopes never!") pride themselves in being entertaining, educational, and energetic hosts.

Public and private tours are offered at the Dark Ranger Observatory, located on the boundary of beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park. Summer telescope tours (May–October) are offered nightly after sunset and feature an outdoor multimedia show, laser constellation tours, and plenty of time to look at planets, stars, and galaxies through high-powered, professional-grade telescopes. Dark Ranger Telescope Tours maintains a 1:7 telescope-to-guest ratio so that all attendees have ample time to observe the wonders of the night sky. There are no stupid questions — tours are designed for all levels of astronomy literacy, including the youngest budding astronomers.

Private telescope tours are also available on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday

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nights in the summer months. In addition to providing access to the largest telescope, Dark Ranger Telescope Tours offers private tours that are designed to cater to astrophotographers, telescope-test-drivers, and astronomy buffs seeking the all-inclusive intellectual and educational experience.

Winter public telescope tours run Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, and Saturdays during the months of November to April. Private telescope tours are available any night of the week during the winter months, with reservations. The Dark Ranger Observatory is also wheelchair accessible.

Upcoming events include a special viewing of the annual Perseid Meteor Shower, August 12, 12:30–3:00 a.m. The Perseid Meteor Shower is one of the most prolific meteor showers of the entire year, often exceeding 100 meteors per hour. Attendees of this event can also expect to see Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and even a glimpse of tiny, far-off Pluto. Registration is required for this event.

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