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Observatory Dedication at Bear Branch Nature Center

Westminster, MD, August 10, 2015 – The dedication of the Blaine F. Roelke Memorial Observatory will be held on August 22nd, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Bear Branch Nature Center. Mr. Roelke was an amateur astronomer and a long-time member of the Westminster Astronomical Society, Inc.

In his honor, the Roelke family, in cooperation with the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Westminster Astronomical Society, Inc. has completed an observatory on the grounds of Bear Branch Nature Center. It will be used for educational programs, public viewing opportunities, and as part of Outdoor School's curriculum.

The public is invited to help celebrate the opening of this wonderful new facility. Guest speakers will include: members of the Roelke family, representatives of the Westminster Astronomical Society, and staff of Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks. After the dedication, join us for planetarium demonstrations, fun hands-on activities, and light refreshments.

For more information, please call 410-386-3560 or email hashawha@carr.org

The Board of County Commissioners sponsors these and other activities at the Hashawha Environmental Center through the Department of Recreation and Parks. Hashawha Environmental Center is located at 300 John Owings Road, Westminster, MD. For more information, visit <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/recreation>.

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