

Astronomy for the blind

To celebrate 2009, the Year of Astronomy, the Pontina Astronomy Association set up a special astronomy course for visually impaired persons, also offered in English and French. Special instruments were designed and built specifically for the purpose of this course, and the local branch of the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted gave its contribution with the feedback of users that attended the course. The Pontina Astronomy Association is willing to disseminate information on this course with the double aim of offering it to anybody interested (upon advance reservation only) and of sharing knowledge and ideas on astronomy education for the blind.

The course, which may last from 1 day to 3 or 4 days, is held in Latina, a city 70 km south of Rome. More information in English on the Pontina Astronomy Association and the course for the blind is available at the following links:

www.astronomiapontina.it/home.htm,

www.astronomiapontina.it/RISORSE/STRUMENTIDIDATTICI/StrumentiDidattici_en.htm#ciechi

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