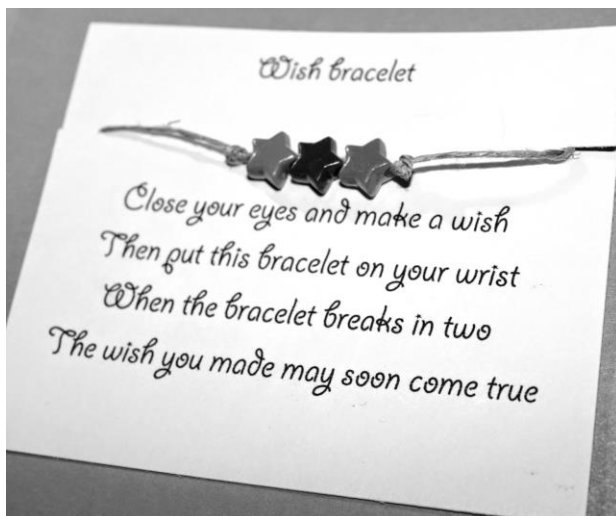


# Night Sky Activities

- Want to find satellites in the sky too? <http://in-the-sky.org/> is a great website to use to find satellites in the sky and even the International Space Station.
- Have campers create their own star chart and legend. Have campers draw stars (or use stickers) onto a piece of paper randomly. Have them connect the stars how they want (not all stars have to be used) and write their own legend about the new constellation they made.
- You can find online when to watch meteor showers. <http://stardate.org/nightsky/meteors>
- Create a Scouts Own to do at night about the night sky. Include songs, poems, stories, and drawings about stars and other things in the night sky.
- Put on a play about life on a space station.
- Find other stories about the night sky from different cultures including Asian, Native American, or Middle Eastern.
- Read books based on Native American legends. *Coyote Places the Stars* or *How the Stars Fell into the Sky: A Navajo Legend*.
- Learn how to use a telescope.
- Wish upon a star.
- Star Letters - Address an envelope to yourself or a friend including your solar system and galaxy address. Draw a stamp on your envelope in a space theme. Write a letter and include a map to your favorite planet.
- Find stars of different colors. A star's color depends on its temperature. Blue-white is the hottest, followed by, in descending order, white, yellow (like the sun), orange, and red. You won't see a strong color difference.
- Read a star themed book such as *Stars* by Mary Lyn Ray to the campers and follow up with a star themed craft.

## Star crafts:

- Salt dough stars are easy to make, last a long time, and are cute decorations.
- How about an astronaut paper doll? <http://www.makingfriends.com/friends/f+astronaut.htm>
- Make a star stuffie with felt. Add ribbon to make a shooting star.
- Five popsicle sticks make a star. Decorate with paint, glitter, and gems.
- Five sticks also make a star, use wire, string, or grass to tie together for a nature craft.
- Star shaped melted bead sun catchers are great anytime and can even be patriotic in the summer.
- Grant wishes with your own wand complete with a star at the end.
- See stars in the day with star sun catchers made with contact paper and tissue paper.
- Use up scrap paper by making origami paper stars.
- Wish bracelets are an adorable memory keepsake.



- Make some star themed swaps. These can be made from colored paper, fun foam, glitter, glitter glue, or sequins.

