Learn About the Night Skies with Cal Poly Astronomy Club May 7

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Come learn about the world of astronomy and stargaze with University of Riverside astronomy professor and author Tyler Nordgren and the Cal Poly Astronomy Club May 7 on campus.

In 2007, Nordgren took a sabbatical and spent 12 months exploring and photographing the night skies over national parks across the U.S. What he learned became his new book, "Stars Above, Earth Below: A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks."

The professor will share his photos and experiences at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, in the Business Rotunda (02-213) at Cal Poly.

The event is free and open to the public. A “star party” will follow the talk. Participants can view Saturn, the waxing crescent moon, double stars, and other astronomical wonders from the lawn outside the rotunda.

"Photographing the pristine parks at night bordered on a spiritual experience," Nordgren says of his time creating the book. New digital photography technology allowed him to capture the skies in ways not previously possible.

For more information about this event and or to print a flyer, visit the Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education web site at: http://cesame.calpoly.edu or call the CESaME office at 805-756-2859.