Throughout human history, humanity has looked at the stars in wonder and admiration, inspiring us to ask fundamental questions about our place in the universe. We have used our fascination with the stars to narrate our cultural legends and stories, navigate, learn about our solar system, and push the boundaries of space exploration. In the wise words of Buzz Aldrin, American engineer and former astronaut, “Exploration is wired into our brains. If we can see the horizon we want to know what is beyond.” Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wanted to know more?

It is with this curiosity in mind that the 4-H Youth Development Team of Jefferson County has launched a brand new 4-H program, the 4-H Night Owls! The 4-H Night Owls program is an opportunity to bring youth and their families together to explore various topics around astronomy. The program will meet every Friday throughout the summer from July 10th - August 28th, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM at 4-H Camp Wabasso. Join us each week as we learn how to identify constellations, view nebulas and galaxies through our telescopes, and learn about the stories and histories attached to the constellations, moon phases and much, much, more! We will kick off each evening with an opening campfire and a campfire snack. Once it gets dark we will break into groups to explore the night sky! This program is open to all youth ages 6 and up and their families. There are a limited number of spaces still available for this program! To register, contact 4-H Youth Development Educator, Kathryn Ripstein at ker99@cornell.edu or 315-788-8450 ext. 232. Can’t wait to see you there!