

## One of the best astronomical site : Valdrôme and the « 100 Hours of Astronomy »



### Organisation



### Valdrôme Municipality

“Valdrôme station” is the site of “Astro Ciel” an important (two weeks) annual amateur astronomers “Star Party” organized since year 2004 by the “Société Astronomique de France”. During the 100 hours of Astronomy the village of Valdrôme and its region will mobilize their efforts to provide a discovery of the night sky in exceptional conditions. Over the years, this region has acquired a solid reputation for its clear sky and a enjoying lifestyle far from urban civilization.

Valdrôme, a small village in the south of the French Drôme department (26) with fewer than 150 inhabitants it is difficult to find an infrastructure that can accommodate a large audience but several holiday cottages are available in the village. Nearby Valdrome, vaulted ceiling rooms with great architectural value can accommodate about fifty people. This stay will allow discovering universe beauty and also local heritage.

The Municipality of Valdrôme also makes available the city conference hall (an old restored barn) as use of 50 sleeping places. The main conferences will be held in the Great Hall of the Holiday cottage “Chanteduc” located outside the village of “Beaurières” at 10 km from Valdrome and accessible by the D93 (Route Napoleon). Complementing Valdrome, Chanteduc Camping has 50 shelter beds in 5 people places bungalows.

Chanteduc excepted, each active site offer a specific program unchanged during “100 HA” allowing visitors to choose as a menu for each day their own conference.

There will be 4 animation centers: communal meeting room of Valdrome, "L'Ecurie du Relay" holiday cottage, Ganaos Farm in “Les Près”, “Beaurières” Holiday Village Chanteduc).

For astronomical observation in altitude (Chouët lodging at Les Près and Valdrome winter station) according to the weather condition.

Low altitude astronomical prosed events should be realised at: « **Ferme des Ganaos** » and « **Chanteduc Holyday village** » after conferences in the beginning of night.

## The Program

### “100 h large field animation»

- 1) at the « **Ferme des Ganaos** »: in « **Les Près** » locality

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Program and timing:

4h-6h PM ) A walk in the Solar System by **Jean Claude Espinos** (2,3,4th of April);

8h30-10h30 PM ) “Les légendes des constellations” by **Jean Dominique Westfal** (2d and 4th of April) ;

8h30-10h30 PM : « Les télescopes et l’histoire » by **Philippe Morel**, President of the « **Société Astronomique de France** » (third of April).

During the 100 HA and beginning at 10h30 PM : astronomical observations will be driven by amateur astronomers of the **Société Astronomique de France**.

2) **Holiday guest house « L’Ecurie du Relai »**, 86 rue Saint Jean à Valdrôme :

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(2, 4 et 5 avril : programming is going on)

4h-6h PM: « Le monde de la Lune » by **Bernard Paris** (association **Les Pléiades**, Beaumont les Valence),

8h30-10h30 PM: « Souvenirs du ciel de Provence » by **Jean François Léoni** (association **Les Pléiades**, Beaumont les Valence),

3) **Municipal house of Valdrôme**, route de Rossas the 4th of april.

by **Gérard Oudenot** (**Société Astronomique de France**) :

4h-6h PM: « A l’heure du Soleil » and a remake at 8h30-10h30 PM.

4) **Holyday cottage « Chanteduc »**, Le Pontillard, 26310 Beaurières, 04 75 21 46 59

*2d of april :*

**3 conferences about « Astrolabe » instrument by Michel Dumas (Planétarium Ventoux Provence),**

4h-6h PM: « L'astrolabe en pratique » ;

8h30-10h30 PM: « Les grandes découvertes de l'astrolabe au GPS » ;

After 10h30 PM: « Lecture et observation du ciel ».

*the 3d of april :*

**By Gérard Oudenot (Société Astronomique de France) :**

4h-6h PM: « A l'heure du Soleil » ;

8h30-10h30 PM: « A la découverte du système solaire »;

During the 100 HA and beginning at 10h30 PM : astronomical observations will be driven by amateur astronomers of the **Société Astronomique de France**.

*The 4th of april :*

**By Evelyne Magny (Société Astronomique de France) :**

4h-6h PM: « Un ciel pour les enfants »

8h30-10h30 PM: « La vie venue de l'espace ».

During the 100 HA and beginning at 10h30 PM : astronomical observations will be driven by amateur astronomers of the **Société Astronomique de France**.

*The 5th of april :*

**By Michel Fehrenbach (Société Astronomique de France) :**

4h-6h PM: « Observer les aurores boréales »

8h30-10h30 PM: « Des aurores à la vie »

During the 100 HA and beginning at 10h30 PM : astronomical observations will be driven by amateur astronomers of the **Société Astronomique de France**.

## **100 hours of Astronomical observations**



The main objective of "100 HA" is to bring more people to the eyepiece of a telescope. Valdrome will open several sites for astronomical observation.

whatever the weather at the beginning of night, Ganaos farm and Village Holiday Chanteduc will be open.

Two other sites will be opened when the sky will be clear at the beginning of night, one at Valdrome ski resort (1400 m altitude) and the other one at Chouët holiday cottage (1100m altitude) in "Les Près".

## **100 hours of local art show**

Alongside these four days dedicated to popular astronomy, local artists will exhibit their works of art in Valdrome each afternoon at the Oustaou (74, rue du Serre, Valdrome 26310) and Tarsimoure (route de Rossas).

## **100 hours of conviviality**

The "100 hours of Astronomy of Valdrome don't forget the friendliness, so at the beginning of each animation night as an introduction at the star party a country buffet will be offered by all associated single rate sites(booking at the Tourist Office of Valdrome).

## **Information and booking**

Office du tourisme de Valdrôme  
26310 Valdrôme,

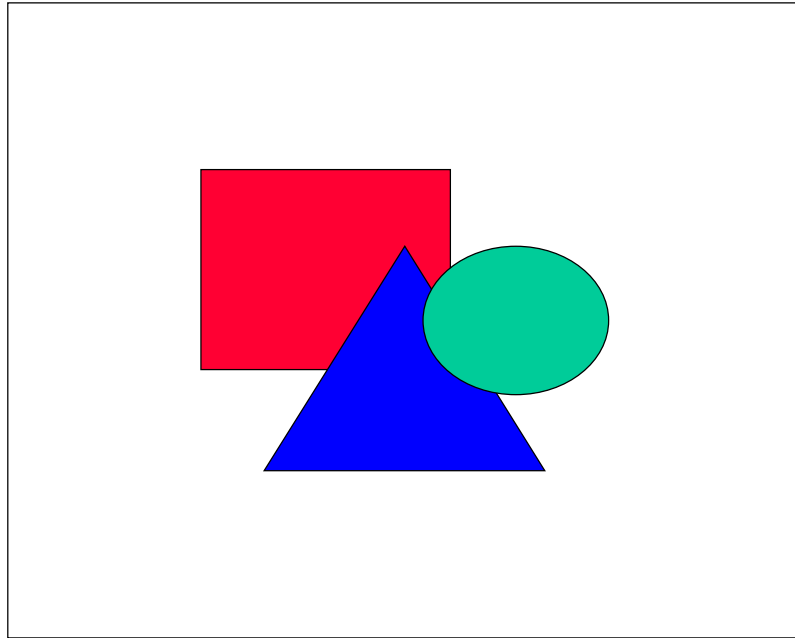
Tél/fax : 33 (0)4 75 21 40 06 Email: [infos@ot-valdrome.com](mailto:infos@ot-valdrome.com)

## **Information about animation**

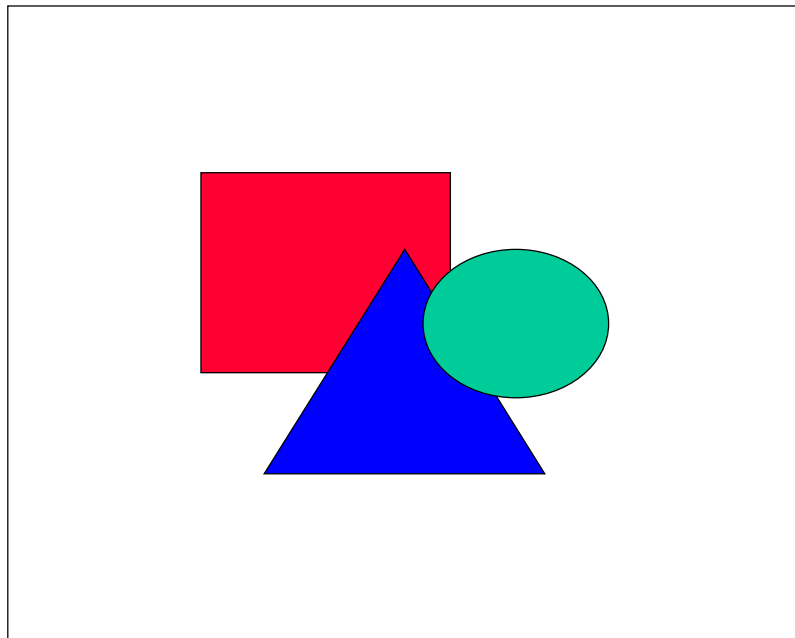
Email : [jp.salley@orange.fr](mailto:jp.salley@orange.fr) or [Morel.Philippe@wanadoo.fr](mailto:Morel.Philippe@wanadoo.fr)

## The way to join Valdrôme site

From the north of France:

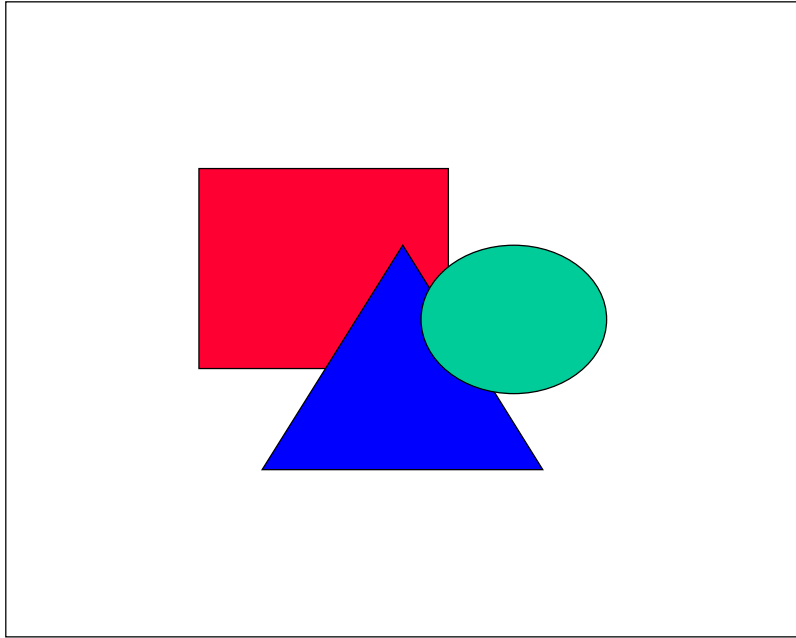


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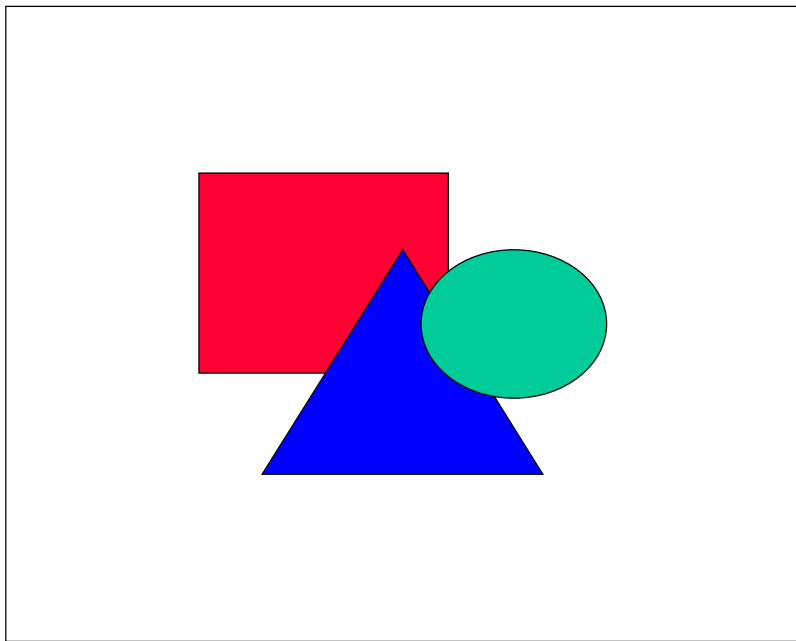
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leave **A7 Highway** at Valence sud and take Crest direction by **D111 road** and **D93** (Past Crest) until Die town.



Continue for 33 km the **D93** and take at right the D106 straight on 6 km for **Valdrôme**.

going to the winter Valdrôme station



## **From South-West of France**

leave **A9 Highway** at Orange exit, go to Sainte Cécile les Vignes, Tulette and Rémuzat by **D94**. near Rémuzat, take left the **D61** road for 21km and **D106** for 17 km until **Valdrôme**.

## **From South East**

At the Sisteron exit, **N85** for 3,5 km and **N75 continue by** Laragne-Montéglin et Serres. In Aspres-sur-Buech take the **D993** road for the **Col de Cabres** 10 km after the Col top turn at left on the **D306** and continue straight on 6,5 km for **Valdrôme**.

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