

WIMBERLEY VALLEY DARK SKY COMMITTEE

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO
(AND PITFALLS TO AVOID)

Shannon du Plessis, Committee Chair

WE DID IT!!!! WOO-HOO!!!

Wimberley
Valley
Dark
Sky
Committee



WIMBERLEY VALLEY, TEXAS
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY

WAIT! HOW'D WE DO THAT?

- Worked with both Wimberley and Woodcreek city councils on lighting ordinances
- Gave a ***bunch*** of outreach presentations
- Documented our outreach efforts, our events, our amazingly engaged Facebook followers
- Got letters and emails of support from officials, businesses, organizations, and citizens
- Based our application on what another two-city dark sky community did
- Turned in our application pretty proud of ourselves

THE CHAIR SKIRTS THE EDGES OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN



IDA: Looks good! Almost there.

Wait almost? Revisions?

Lighting Inventory?

Sky Quality Meter Readings?

FOUR REVISION CYCLES LATER



The Wimberley Valley is designated an IDA International Dark Sky Community two years and one month after we formed the committee.



WHS FOOTBALL STADIUM



EMILYANN VETERANS MEMORIAL



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STATIONARY LIGHT/TRUCK COMBO
EXTERNAL HALYARD FLAGPOLE

OUTREACH GOOD TIMES

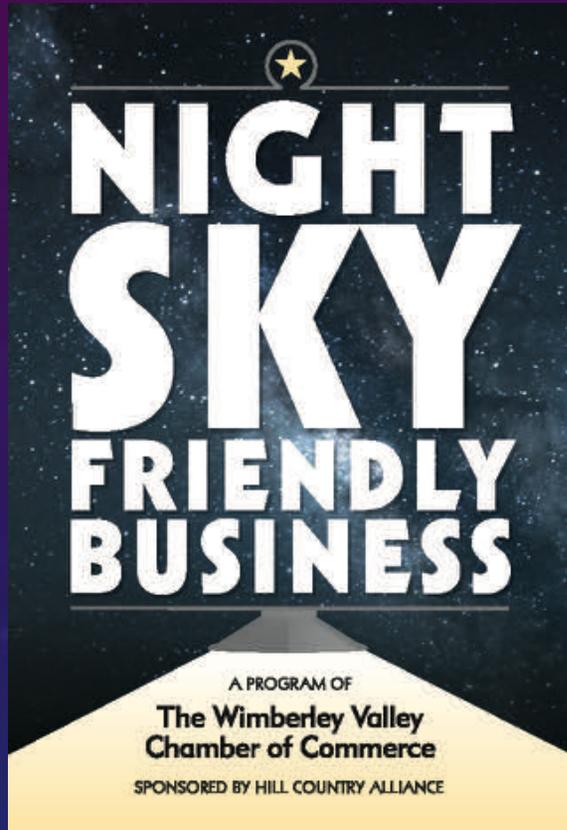


Twice-yearly star parties at Blue Hole



Our Starlab at KAPS

A COMEDY OF ERRORS





FUTURE PLANS

- Encourage more local stores to offer IDA Dark Sky Approved lighting
- Meet with electricians, realtors, and remodelers
- Keep the Night Sky Friendly Business Award momentum going
- Attend more events where we connect with residents
- Continue our Facebook engagement
- Share our experience with other areas pursuing an IDA designation