

Fill out the table⁶ and **label the constellations and stars you actually see** in Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Draco, and Boötes **with their names⁶** (the "other name" in the Field Guide or Greek Letter if they don't have a name). Reflect on and write about your experience at the bottom and on the back of this page (or type it up separately).⁶ If clouds or trees block your view, move or go out another night.

View NW from Canton September 1, 9:30 pm

Though the Bayer letters may be helpful, the names are better for making friends with the stars. They're what I remember ... I remember very few Bayer letters. So label the stars you see with their names!

Name: Aileen O'Donoghue	Companions: Molly, Bill, Cindy & Dee
Date & Time: August 22, 10:15 pm	Location: Potsdam, NY
Sky: Few clouds in western sky	Moon: Waxing Gibbous (in Sagittarius)

Spend at least $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour outside at night looking at the sky. Use the space below and the back of this sheet to describe what you observe (stars, constellations, sky conditions, the moon, meteors, aurora, satellites ... bats, anything) and reflect on the experience. Can you pick out the constellations? Do all the stars look the same? Can you see the Milky Way? Does a poem or a song come to mind? Does the memory of time at a lake-side cottage or camping trip come back to you?

The moon almost washed out the sky ... η Umi was really hard to see! The peepers and crickets were all singing quite loud. And the mosquitos were awful ... we didn't stay out long. The Milky Way was washed out in the south, but we could see it across Cygnus. Venus had set before we went out. I always think of Enya's "Paint the Sky with Stars" when I'm out stargazing. And, of course, Potsdam skies are no match for New Mexico, Arizona, or Chile!!