

## SPECIAL EDITION: Comet Panstarrs, C-2011 L4



To see Comet *Panstarrs* (C2011-L4) Find a clear view toward the west, after sunset as the skies begin to darken. (Twilight is around 8:30 pm in Escanaba; Dark about 9:00)

A good pair of wide field binoculars will help. (10x50s work well for most adults)

A telescope is *not* necessary. (A telescope narrows your field of view. Until you know where the comet is in the sky and can find it easily, stick to binoculars).

As it gets later in the month, moonlight will increasingly interfere. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Moon is the 19<sup>th</sup> and the Full Moon is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Right now is a good time to observe.

Get out and see this comet. It sports a nice, slightly fanned tail and a well-defined, bright head. John Burroughs and I have both observed it with binoculars and visually from the south end of town, near the Delta Co. Airport.

If clear, we plan observing TONIGHT, Sunday March 17. We will probably set up in the small parking lot north of the Escanaba water plant. After Sunset (7:57pm) but before it is dark. Call John 789-1414, or Dan 789-7884 about 7pm to confirm.

DON'T FORGET: Next DAS Meeting: **Tues. March. 26, 2013:**  
7 pm @ Bay College, Rm. 961. Visitors Are Always Welcome.

Dan