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**Native American Mythology and our Night Sky**

**Shiloh, TN –** To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Shiloh National Military Park will host its first Night Sky Program on Saturday, November 26th, at 8:00 pm. The park is still closed after dark, but the Park Superintendent, Allen Etheridge has authorized the limited use of the park for those visitors attending the program. The night sky program will be conducted near the Shiloh Indian Mounds Complex, located in Cloud Field.

Is there a difference between stories and myths? According to Michael Wood from PBS,

*“Myths are stories that are based on tradition. Some may have factual origins, while others are completely fictional. But myths are more than mere stories and they serve a more profound purpose in ancient and modern cultures. Myths are sacred tales that explain the world and man's experience. Myths are as relevant to us today as they were to the ancients. Myths answer timeless questions and serve as a compass to each generation.”*

Ranger Matt will take visitors on a tour of the night sky, sharing Native American Myths as we view stars, planets, and other celestial bodies while using the park’s equipment. Please do not bring your telescopes to this event, for it is a program and NOT a star party. Visitors are encouraged to bring a chair, warm clothing, and their imagination.

The program will take place in Cloud Field, so there will be a short walk (less than 300 yards) on a paved surface. This program is accessible to all, so if interested please register in advance.

To register, call the park’s visitor center at 731-689-5696. For more information on upcoming events at both the Shiloh Battlefield and Corinth Battlefield go to [www.nps.gov/shil,](http://www.nps.gov/shil) find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shilohnmp, or follow us on Twitter @ShilohNPS.