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Summary: Sylke Boyd, associate professor of physics, will lead the discussion on hunting for the Aurora.

MORRIS, Minnesota (November 16, 2015)—The next Café Scientifique will take place on Tuesday, November 24, at 6 p.m. at the Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). Sylke Boyd, associate professor of physics, will lead the discussion, “The Evasive Northern Lights.”

Boyd will address what the northern lights (aurora borealis) are, how they form, and when are the opportune times to search for them. She will discuss several aspects relating to aurora borealis, including the magnetic field, fluorescent light, space weather, and visual imagery (photography).

Café Scientifique is an ongoing series that offers a space where anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology for the price of a cup of coffee. Meetings take place outside of a traditional academic context and are committed to promoting public engagement with science.

Interested audiences can look forward to additional discussions, typically held on the last Tuesday of selected months. All are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged.

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