Dr. Rob Zellem (he/him) **EXOPLANET WATCH** Inviting Citizen Scientists to Observe Transiting Exoplanets

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OVERVIEW

- Announcing the general audience launch of Exoplanet Watch: a citizen science project to monitor transiting exoplanets
 - Limited launch with amateur and professional astronomers since 2021
- Anyone and everyone can participate!
 - Learn how exoplanet science is really done!



TRANSITS

- Measures the change in brightness as the planet passes in front of or behind its host star
- Also allow us to study a planet's atmosphere
 - Exoplanet Watch refines transit times
 - You can help!



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 Citizen science project <u>to routinely observe transiting</u> <u>exoplanets</u> to keep their transit times precise • You will help enable NASA science!

EXOPLANET WATCH

- Collaborative effort to complement existing surveys
- Data is immediately public.
- Target requests by professional astronomers
- Observers are listed as co-authors
- Part of NASA's Universe of Learning







GOALS

- Education goals: to engage and teach the public about exoplanets and enable them to do science
- Science goals: to ensure efficient use of large telescopes; discover and confirm new exoplanets; monitor stellar variability

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Exoplanet Watch Workshop Jan 18, 2023, 4 PM EST

- World-wide observing campaign of HD 80606b
 - In support of JWST observations this ~fall
 - 12-hour long transit
 - Requires multiple observers across the world



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Exoplanet Watch [GDAI]	(39.0, -108.2)	0.4
Unistellar eVscope (rev)	(30.4, 97.8)	0.11
Unistellar eVscope (sdp)	(32.2, -111)	0.11
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