

SPS Zone 9 2007 Spring Meeting

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We, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville SPS Chapter, accepted the honor of hosting the Spring 2007 Society of Physics Students Zone 9 Meeting. The meeting took place on Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st. SPS members from St Norbert College of De Pere Wisconsin, Carthage College of Kenosha Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls of River Falls Wisconsin attended the meeting.

Friday consisted of a banquet dinner catered by the UW-P's Catering Services and a presentation by the keynote speaker. Dr. Andrew Sonnenschein, from Fermi National Laboratories, presented on Dark Matter and the research he is conducting. This presentation was advertised to the campus and was open to everyone. Approximately 100 people came to the presentation which we deemed as very successful. Dr. Sonnenschein commented afterwards that he was delighted to give his presentation to an audience that was not composed of strictly physics oriented people because he had never done so before.

On Saturday we provided a continental breakfast before Dr. Sonnenschein gave another, more in depth, presentation about his research. Following this, students and faculty from all four attending schools gave presentations on their own research and/or activities.