NIGHT PHOTO'S - AURORAS & MILKY WAY, ETC.

Basic settings - wide open aperture F2-F3.5

ISO - 1600 or higher, up to 6400

Time - depends - usually 10-30 seconds

All camera settings in manual mode

Remote shutter release

Good sturdy tripod a must

Lens – as wide as you get, 10mm to 20mm is best.

Try to get to your location early enough to scope out background. As little amount of light pollution as possible (the darker the better)

Set focus then put your lens in manual, be pointed in the right direction, set-up tripod and put your remote shutter release in.

Sit and wait - patience is key - sometimes you get lucky, sometimes you don't. Once it is dark, take some 30 second shots to see if anything shows up, I do about every 15 minutes or so.

Plan on at least 2-3 hours after sundown. (fireworks & lighting, not so much.