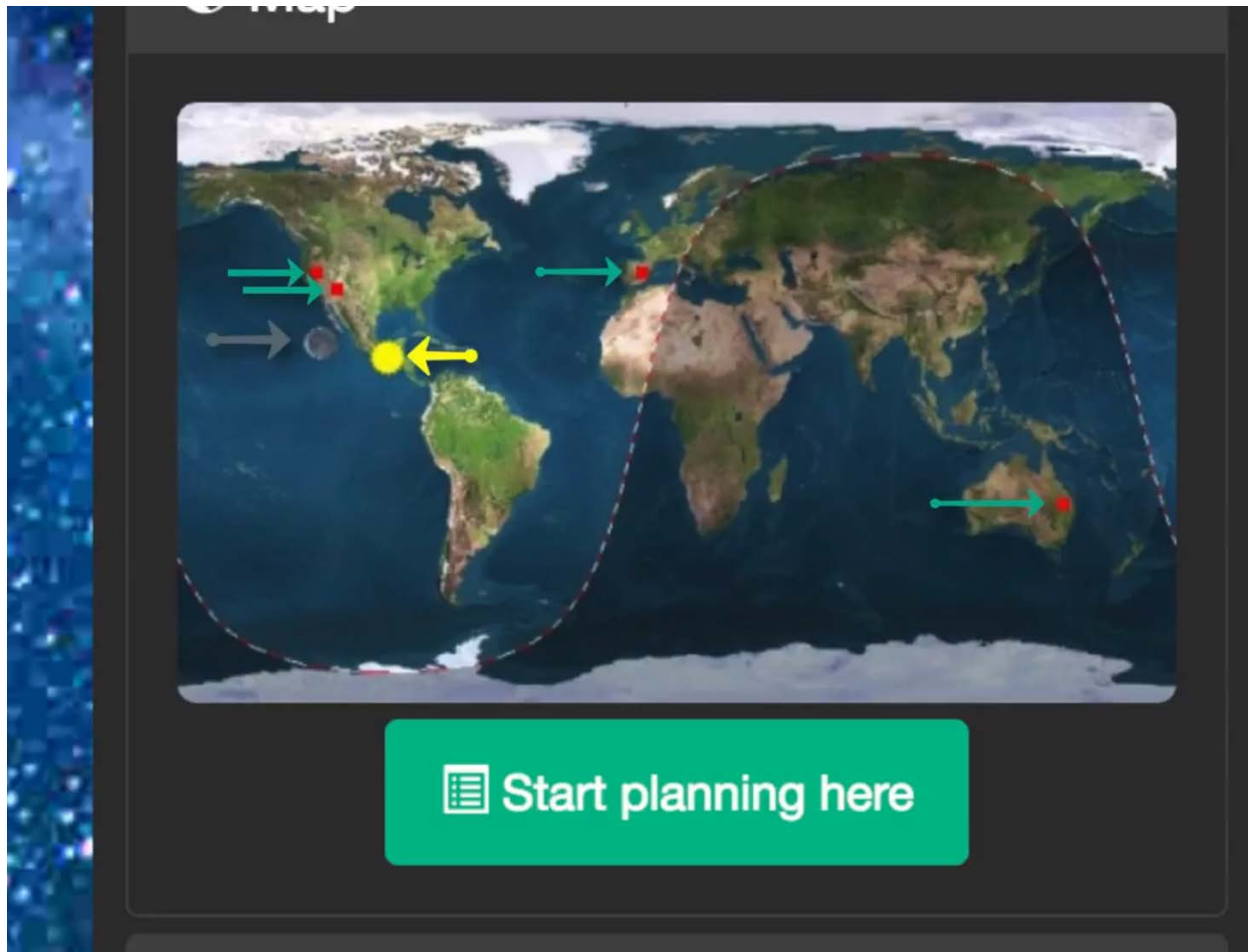
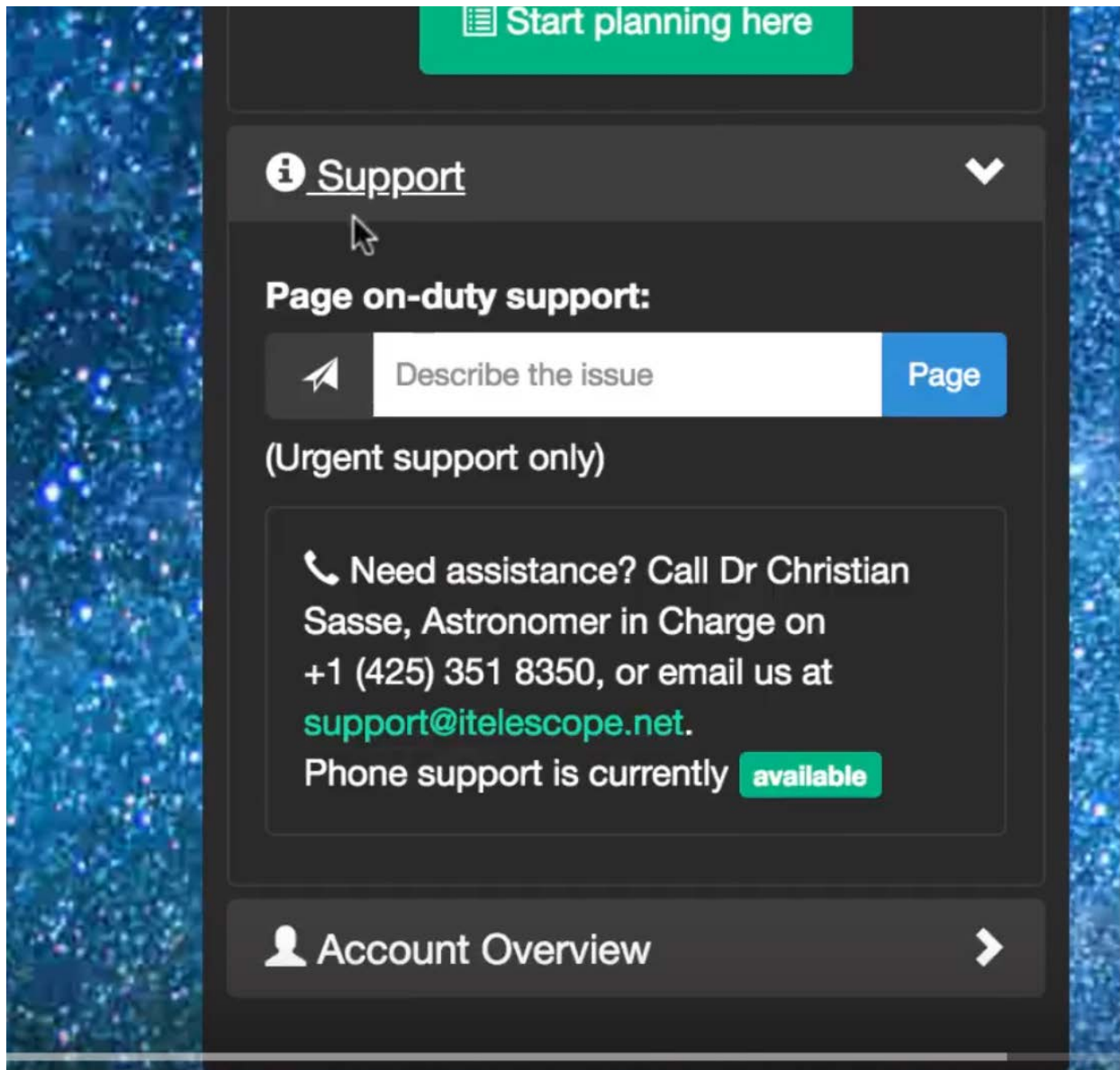


## The new Launchpad (August 2018)

The launchpad is your window to all telescopes. The day/night world map shows the observatory locations, as well as the current position of the sun at noon and the phase of the moon.



Most important, if you need support, just click on the support tab and choose from different options. Itelescope offers email, paging and telephone support.

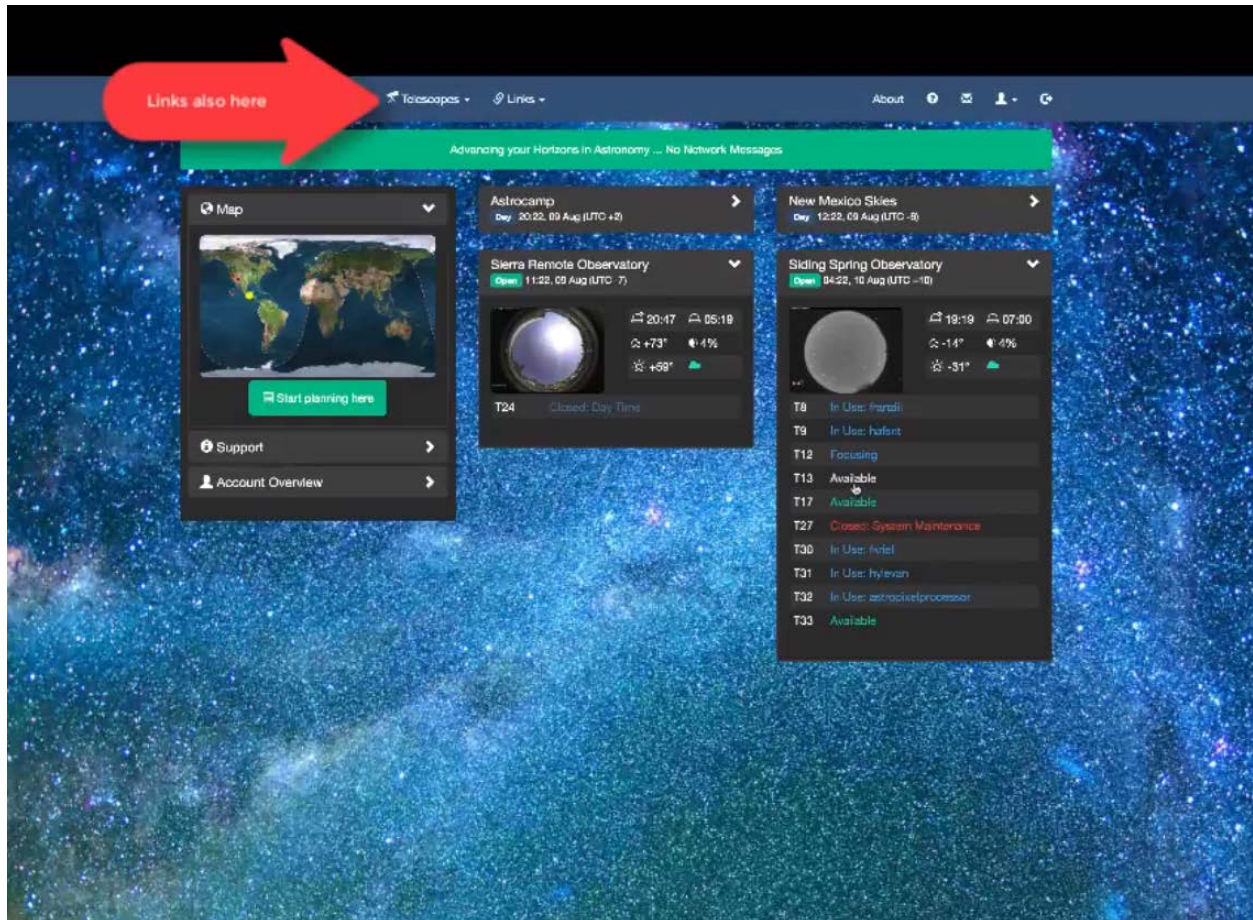


Below that is the account overview – information on your plan and imaging rates.

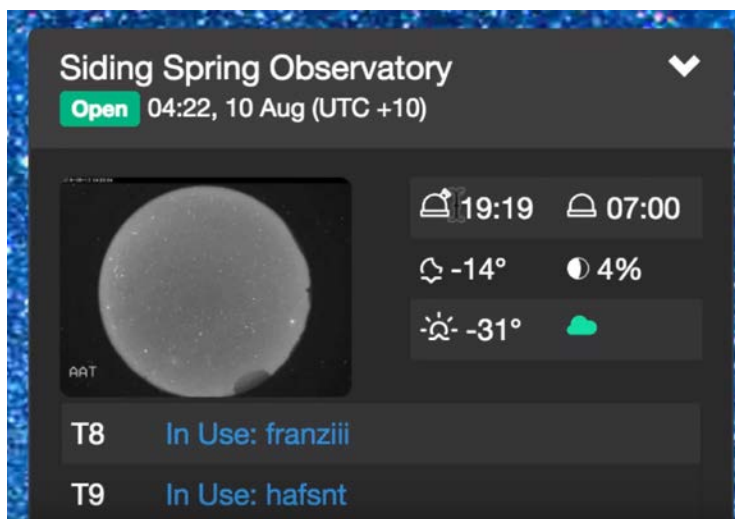
Now straight to the observatories. Each location has its own window. When an observatory is open, the corresponding panel expands, and if it is closed, it collapses.

These panels can be expanded and collapsed individually by clicking on the name or the arrow. They can also be rearranged by dragging them around.

When is a telescope available? This can be checked here. And you can access each telescope with a direct click.



Information on each observatory is available here, right next to the camera view.



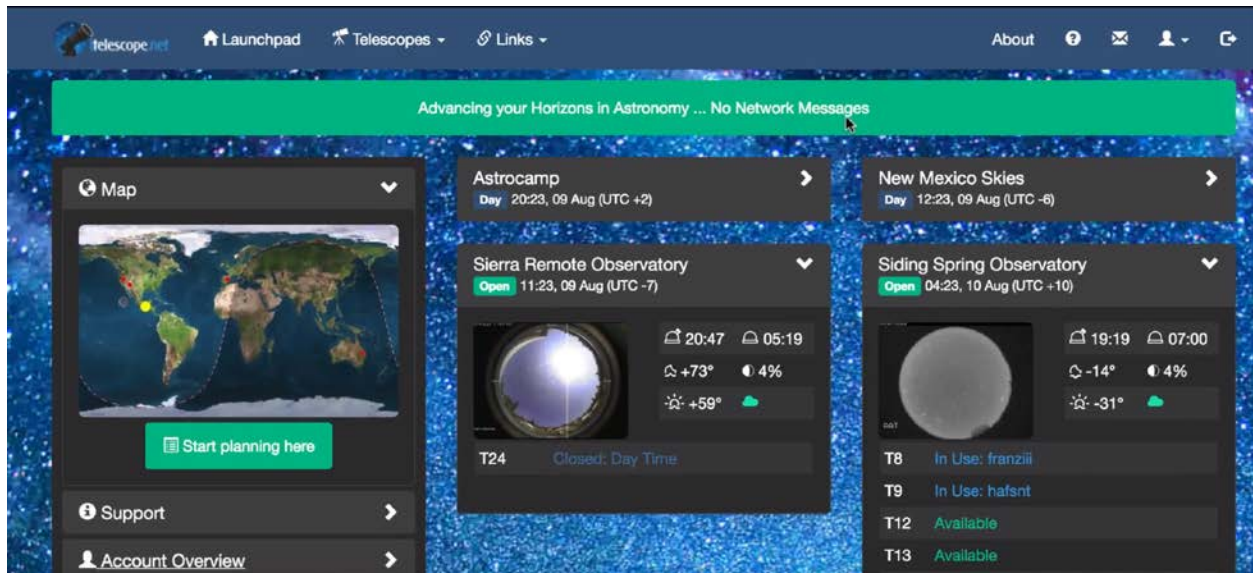
The observatory opening times can be checked on the top row. The next row shows information on the moon – in this case it is setting (note the small downward pointing arrow) and the phase of the moon.

The screenshot displays the Siding Spring Observatory interface. At the top, it shows the observatory name and opening times: "Open 04:23, 10 Aug (UTC +10)". Below this is a large circular image of the moon, labeled "AAT". To the right of the moon image, there are several rows of information: a sunset icon at 19:19 and a sunrise icon at 07:00; a moon icon with a downward arrow and "-14°" next to it, and a moon phase icon with "4%"; and a sun icon with "-31°" and a cloud icon. A blue arrow points from the moon image to the "-14°" value, with the text "Setting=pointing downwards" above it. Below the moon image, there are two rows of telescope information: "T8 In Use: franziii" and "T9 In Use: hafstnt".

The row below shows information on the sun and a link to the weather page. By the way, if the number has a minus sign in front, it means that the object is below the horizon.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but with a yellow arrow pointing from the moon image to the sun icon and "-31°" value. The text "Setting=pointing downwards" is written in yellow above the arrow. The rest of the interface, including the moon image, opening times, and telescope information, remains the same.

Network messages are displayed here to make you aware of conditions that may affect imaging.



OK, ready to start imaging? Try the planner tool which makes finding objects in the night sky easy.

