



AUSTIN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The **Austin Astronomical Society (AAS)** is a club for people who are interested in any aspect of astronomy or the space sciences. We meet monthly on the second Friday of each month. Through informal ties with the University of Texas Astronomy Department, our primary meeting site is on the UT Austin campus. We invite you to attend one of our meetings. All AAS meetings are open to the public. For our meeting schedule and more information about the AAS, visit our website at <http://www.austinastro.org/>.

The Society's **Eagle Eye Observatory (EEO)** is located at Canyon of the Eagles Lodge & Nature Park (COE) which is on the upper branch of Lake Buchanan, northwest of Burnet, Texas.

The Eagle Eye Observatory houses the 16-inch Ealing Educator Telescope, a research-grade Cassegrain telescope; and the Society's original telescope, the 12.5-inch Harlan Smith, a Newtonian. Surrounding the observatory building is a large scenic observing field with 30 powered tables for AAS members to set up their observing equipment.

The AAS holds regularly scheduled observing sessions or **star parties**, for the public and for AAS members only, at the EEO. Additionally, the AAS sponsors several major astronomy events each year. Two weekend-long star parties are held at Canyon of the Eagles Lodge & Nature Park, CenTex Astronomy Weekend, and the Central Texas Star Party (CTSP). Another major event, Austin Under the Stars, is hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal School, in Austin, one or more times annually.

AAS membership is open to all. Individuals become eligible for Senior AAS Membership at age 65. Youth are eligible for junior AAS Membership until age 18. Youth, ages 8-18, may join the AAS Young Astronomers (YA) at no cost.

AAS Membership includes:

- ★ **Subscription to the AAS Newsletter** The monthly ***Sidereal Times*** provides the latest information about Society activities and articles written by members.
- ★ **AAS Yahoo Group** AAS members are eligible to join the **AAS Yahoo Group**, established for communication and sharing among AAS members.
- ★ **Mentoring Sessions** AAS members new to astronomy may attend **Mentoring Sessions** to learn about astronomy, observing, telescopes, binoculars and other equipment.
- ★ **AAS Young Astronomers** We especially encourage young people to join the AAS as junior members or as members of the **AAS Young Astronomers**, an AAS group for youth, ages 8 - 18. Membership in the AAS Young Astronomers is free.
- ★ **Use of Society facilities and equipment** AAS members have 24-hour access to the EEO observing field, may be certified to operate the EEO telescopes, and are entitled to use other AAS telescopes and equipment.
- ★ **Discounted rooms at COE Lodge** AAS members receive a 20% discount on guest rooms at Canyon of the Eagles Lodge.
- ★ **Optional discounted magazine subscriptions** AAS members are entitled (but not required) to subscribe to ***Sky & Telescope*** and/or ***Astronomy*** magazine at reduced rates.
- ★ **Membership in The Astronomical League** The AAS is a member society of **The Astronomical League**. As such, AAS members receive the benefit of Astronomical League membership:
 - Receipt of the Astronomical League quarterly magazine, ***The Reflector***,
 - Discounts on books and products ordered through the Astronomical League; and
 - Eligibility to participate in the many **Astronomical League Observing Clubs**. The observing clubs offer encouragement, certificates of accomplishment and award pins for demonstrating observing skills with a variety of instruments and objects.



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Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT. Provide all information that applies to your membership application.

I / We wish to join the Austin Astronomical Society.

Name for Regular Membership: _____

Name for Junior Membership: (Maximum age 18) _____

Name for Senior Membership: (Minimum age 65) _____

Name(s) for Additional Family Membership: _____
(Provide information for all additional family members joining the AAS.) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone No(s): _____
E-Mail Address(s): _____

Please sign me up for the following:

	Payment Due	Amt. Enclosed
Annual Regular AAS Membership	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Annual Junior AAS Membership	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Annual Senior AAS Membership	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Additional Family Member(s) <i>\$15.00 for each additional family member</i>	\$ 15.00 x _____	\$ _____
<i>Sky & Telescope</i> Magazine Subscription	\$ 32.95	\$ _____
<i>Astronomy</i> Magazine Subscription	\$ 34.00	\$ _____
Membership Total (Amount Enclosed)		\$ _____

We welcome your interest and enjoyment of our hobby.

Please enclose payment and mail your membership application to: Austin Astronomical Society
P.O. Box 12831
Austin, TX 78711