

INFORMATION ABOUT SKYWATCHERS ASTRONOMY CLUB

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS, AND ACCESS TO NASA:

Anyone who is at least 18 years old who pays the club dues receives certain club benefits, including: (1) participation in any club activities that do not take place at NASA (for example, our monthly meetings in Poquoson and our observing sessions in the Williamsburg area), (2) club publications, (3) an invitation to join the club's Yahoo egroup, (4) email announcements of all club activities, news, and other information of general interest, (5) a discounted subscription rate for "Sky and Telescope" magazine, including discounts on other Sky Publishing Co. products, and (6) inclusion of spouse and dependents as non-voting members. Full membership (including voting privileges) is limited to NASA Langley permanently-badged employees and retirees. Access to the club's activities at its observatory at NASA for people who do not have a NASA employee badge is provided by a NASA visitor badge. The availability of visitor badges varies and is dependent on the security level and other NASA policies in effect at the time. Anyone younger than age 18 should be accompanied to club activities by a responsible person who is at least 18 years old.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

An associate membership in the club is available to anyone who is a temporary LaRC employee. This type of membership does not require the payment of club dues and does not include all of the privileges and benefits of full membership.

CLUB SIZE AND ACTIVITIES:

The club is a small (about 30 members), informal group. Regular club meetings are usually held the first Wednesday evening each month, usually at the Poquoson Library. Activities are scheduled for club members at the NASA observatory and in the Williamsburg area. Within the club membership there is a wide range of experience and knowledge levels.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION NEEDED:

One-year membership dues are \$20.00 (or \$52.95, if an optional discounted subscription or subscription extension to "Sky and Telescope" magazine is desired). There is no membership application process. The minimum information needed for the membership roster is the member's full name, home address, telephone number(s), and email address(es); this information can be provided by telephone or email. Associate members must also provide their NASA badge expiration date and NASA email address (if any).

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