



What's Up With the Astronomical League March 2011

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JACK HORKHEIMER SERVICE AWARD DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 30, 2011

Please see the application on page three and refer to the League website for further information <http://www.astroleague.org/>

ASTRONOMY DAY 2011

May 7, 2011 and October 1, 2011

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Bringing Astronomy to the People

Astronomy Day Starts its 39th Year with a Revised Award

For 25 years, awards have been given for the groups or organizations that best emphasize the concept of Astronomy Day. Currently sponsored by *Sky & Telescope* Magazine, the American Astronomical Society and the Astronomical League, The Astronomy Day Award has undergone revision to allow smaller organizations and population bases to have an equal footing in the awarding process.

Today the Award has three primary prize winners, one each for three population size categories (\$150 each): Large, Medium & Small, two secondary (\$50) awards for:

Best new idea

The organization that does quality events year after year (determined by previous entries) and Honorable Mentions for those groups in final contention for the primary award.

So if your organization has wanted to enter but thought only larger astronomy clubs had a chance, here's your opportunity. Just go to <http://www.astroleague.org/al/astroday/astroday.html> and click on Astronomy Day Award Application. While you're there, click on "Free Astronomy Day Handbook" to download a comprehensive guide to planning and executing successful Astronomy Day

events, but most importantly, enter the Award and here's why:

Reasons to enter the Astronomy Day Award:

To share your ideas with the rest of the astronomical community

For the prestige

To get the recognition you deserve

For the prize money

For the Award certificate

To give the Astronomy Day office a better idea of how many locations celebrate Astronomy Day

The deadline for entering each year is June 13. Events held after that date are eligible to enter next year's Award. The same web site above will also give you background information on Astronomy Day-it's your one stop shopping for all things Astronomy Day.

This year Astronomy Day is May 7, 2011 and October 1, 2011. Astronomy Day is cosponsored by 14 astronomical and astronomy education associations and is endorsed by the International Astronomical Union.



Registration is now open. Please see <http://alcon.astroleague.org/> to register or for additional information. We have an outstanding line-up of speakers set for this event along with a wide array of vendors and other presentations along with nightly star parties under the very dark Bryce Canyon night skies. This is sure to be an unforgettable event.

Ruby's Inn is completely booked (both motel complexes) for this summer's Astronomical League conference near Bryce Canyon (June 29 - July 2). There is still room at the Ruby's Inn RV park and campsites. If you are interested in attending there are other accommodations nearby, see <http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com/lodging/brycecanyonarea.html>. Reserve soon!

Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have a unique opportunity to work on their astronomy requirements under the stars at Bryce Canyon National Park this summer. For more specific information, please contact one of the Scouting Outreach Coordinators from the Salt Lake Astronomical Society, German Platero at platero289@yahoo.com or Mike Wilson at astro_outwest@yahoo.com.

WATCH FOR SPRING MAILING

Please be watching for the spring mailing of ballots and dues statements. These are scheduled to be mailed during the month of April. Thanks for getting these mailed back promptly.

The League office would like to remind ALCORs to email revised member lists timely. This helps insure that your members don't miss any issues of the Reflector.

MASTER OBSERVER NETWORK OFFERS ANSWERS

Get answers to your observing questions by choosing "Send question to Master Observing Network" under the navigation section of the Astronomical League's website <http://www.astroleague.org/>.



2011 Horkheimer Service Award Nomination Form

Young Astronomer's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

If enrolled in school, provide: Name of School:

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Year
in School: _____ School Phone # _____

Astronomical League affiliation: _____
(Club name or MAL status)

Local Newspaper Name: _____ phone # : _____

Newspaper email or website address: _____

Enclose optional examples of Astronomical League Achievements 1. Public Service (attach newsletter articles, etc.) 2. Astronomy Club duties or officer positions held (attach documentation) 3. Observing Awards earned (enclose copy of Messier club certificate, etc.) 4. Other Astronomical Service (attach description)

Sponsor information: Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Sponsor must be an Astronomical League regional or AL astronomy club officer.

To apply for this award, complete this form and submit it by the award deadline of **March 31, 2010** with other application materials in four copies to: Horkheimer Service Awards

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If you wish to send this electronically in pdf format, please email to HorkheimerService@astroleague.org.

Also, please email a photo of yourself in jpg format or send a photo with your application, preferably in an astronomical-type setting.