



# What's Up With the Astronomical League March 2016

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**Book your hotels rooms NOW, while the room blocks are still available.**

**ALCon 2016**  
August 10-13, 2016 • Washington, DC

*Register by July 1st and receive a free ALCon 2016 lapel pin*

**Register now at the ALCon 2016 website**

<https://alcon2016.astroleague.org>

For more specific information regarding the wonderful speakers, including the NASA administrator as keynote speaker, outstanding tours and other fun things to do in DC, please refer to the convention website. A mail-in registration is also included on the last page of this publication for those who prefer mailing your registration.

Below are listed special instructions for reserving lodging at the two preferred convention hotels:

### **Hilton, Arlington, VA link to reserve ALCON 2016 lodging:**

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAVAHF-ALC-20160807/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAVAHF-ALC-20160807/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Attendees also have the option to contact Hilton Arlington Hotel or Hilton reservation hotline to make their reservations. You will need to provide group code (**GROUP CODE: ALC**), arrival date and hotel name. Hilton Arlington Hotel can be reached directly at **703.812.5113** Hilton reservation hotline **1-800-445-8667**.

The regular rate is \$159. If you wish to add parking for a total price of \$171, then call or email the hotel back to add on the discounted parking option ([falen.ghirmai@interstatehotels.com](mailto:falen.ghirmai@interstatehotels.com)) or call one of the numbers listed above.

### **Westin, Arlington, VA links to reserve rooms:**

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1509225459&key=3258C53>  
(breakfast or parking included) \$174

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1509225461&key=BDFC2FF>  
(lodging only) \$155



## EarthSky invites YOU!

EarthSky.org (“updates on your cosmos and world”) invites you to visit our website and participate in our online astronomy community.

EarthSky.org began as an offshoot of the long-running Earth & Sky radio series, with Joel Block and Deborah Byrd. The radio show ended in 2013, but Deborah — and a band of intrepid sky and science writers and editors — continue to provide daily sky information, science news, and night sky and nature photography from community members around the world. In 2015, the site averaged more than 3.6 million visits each month. Come and join us!

Visit EarthSky online at [www.earthsky.org](http://www.earthsky.org)

List your club’s events at our events page via [www.earthsky.org/contact](http://www.earthsky.org/contact)

Submit your photos at [www.earthsky.org/image-submissions](http://www.earthsky.org/image-submissions)

Post your photos at our Facebook page: [facebook.com/earthsky](https://facebook.com/earthsky)

Follow EarthSky on Twitter: [@earthskyscience](https://twitter.com/earthskyscience)

The poster features a grid of dates for the GLOBE AT NIGHT 2016 event. The dates are arranged in two columns. The left column lists dates from January 1-10 to June 29-June 7. The right column lists dates from June 27-July 6 to December 20-30. The background is a dark blue image of Earth from space, showing city lights and a satellite. Logos for NSI, CADIAS, ida, and NOAO are visible at the bottom.

January 1—10	June 27—July 6
February 1—10	July 28—August 6
March 1—10	August 25—September 3
March 30—April 8	October 21—31
April 29—May 8	November 20—30
May 29—June 7	December 20—30

**GLOBE AT NIGHT 2016**

[WWW.GLOBEATNIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.GLOBEATNIGHT.ORG)

Get Out and Observe the Night Sky!

Engage people worldwide in observing the nighttime sky.

Encourage students and families to participate in citizen-science with a hands-on learning activity.

Gather light pollution data from an international perspective to monitor sky brightness and its effects.

Can you see the stars?

# ALCON 2016 Registration Information: August 10, 11, 12, and 13

Register by July 1 and receive a FREE ALCON 2016 lapel pin!

Mail completed form with your check made payable to **ALCON 2016** to:  
Astronomical League, ALCON 2016  
9201 Ward Parkway, Suite 100  
Kansas City, MO 64114

Please use one form for each attendee. One check is acceptable for your group. You may also register at [alcon2016.astroleague.org](http://alcon2016.astroleague.org) in March and make remittance with PayPal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title for ID badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Astronomical Affiliation (Club)? (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of ALPO? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an AL Master Observer? \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

## Early Registration Schedule

(after July 27, add \$20)

Please enter the registration amount on the right.

Individual – 2, 3, or 4 day registration: (\$60) \_\_\_\_\_

Single day registration: (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_

Couples – 2, 3, or 4 day registration: (\$90) \_\_\_\_\_

Students: (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 15 years of age who accompany registered adults: FREE. Please give their names for ID badges.

## Tours, per person – spaces are limited!

Please indicate first or second choice for day trip preferred.

Tour 1: Smithsonian Meteorite Collection (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Wed. \_\_\_\_\_, Thu. \_\_\_\_\_, Fri. \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 2: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Wed. \_\_\_\_\_, Thu. \_\_\_\_\_, Fri. \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 3: US Naval Observatory (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Wed. \_\_\_\_\_, Thu. \_\_\_\_\_, Fri. \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 4: National Air & Space Museum (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Wed. \_\_\_\_\_, Thu. \_\_\_\_\_, Fri. \_\_\_\_\_

Tour 5: Udvar-Hazy Center (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Day: Wed. \_\_\_\_\_, Thu. \_\_\_\_\_, Fri. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Thursday Night Star-B-Que

Bus to Barcroft Park (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Star B-Que style buffet, entertainment (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday Night Awards Banquet featuring NASA Administrator Gen. Charles Bolden!

Buffet: Superb salad, Hanger steak, scallopini of chicken, roasted vegetables lasagna, caramelized onion-mashed potatoes, etc. (\$55) \_\_\_\_\_

## ALCON Merchandise (Order Deadline July 27)

Please check color and size

Silk-screened T-shirt, White \_\_\_\_\_; or Royal Blue \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ : \$20

Embroidered polo shirt, White \_\_\_\_\_; or Royal Blue \_\_\_\_\_

Mens: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ : \$25

Womens: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ : \$25

Ball Cap, Blue: \_\_\_\_\_ : \$15

**Please help the League help amateur astronomy**  
by making a tax deductible donation! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the event as necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.*

## Summary:

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ +

Merchandise \_\_\_\_\_ +

Tours \_\_\_\_\_ +

Thursday's Star-B-Que \_\_\_\_\_ +

Saturday's Award Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ +

League Donation (Thank you!) \_\_\_\_\_ =

**Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**