



ASTRONOMY DAY

Bringing Astronomy to the People

2014

Important & New Information about Astronomy Day

*Be sure to check this page frequently.
It may change often as new information becomes available.*

In 2007 we started offering both a spring and fall date for Astronomy Day. Select one (or both) that fits your schedule.

In 2009 we changed the Astronomy Day Award. Make sure you have the 2014 entry form.

1. Be sure to register your Astronomy Day events each year on this web site so others (including the media) can find out where Astronomy Day events are taking place. Go to: <https://www.astroleague.org/al/general/news/request.html>
2. Enter the Astronomy Day Contest and win up to \$150 in cash prizes in 5 different prize categories. Go to: <https://www.astroleague.org/files/astroday/AwardEntryForms2014.pdf> to download new rules, guidelines and the new entry form.

3. Sky Publishing not only has the Astronomy Day Handbook available for free downloading (<http://media.skyandtelescope.com/documents/AstroDayHbk2007.pdf>), they also have the popular Good Neighbor Outdoor Lighting flyer (<http://media.skyandtelescope.com/documents/gnol.pdf>), a clear, simple information sheet on light pollution and how anyone can minimize it.
4. The Abrams Planetarium Sky Calendar is available for Astronomy Day activities. Anyone celebrating the event is welcome to distribute any number of copies of the Sky Calendar with no restrictions, other than we ask that material not be deleted. The Sky Calendar for May 2014 and October 2014 will be available as pdf's during those months at: <http://www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/SkyCalendar> Scroll down the page and click on Sample Sky Calendar and Sample Sky Map.
5. To increase PR for you Astronomy Day site, invite a local TV or Radio meteorologist to broadcast from your site giving either the local forecast or the weather forecast from various planets in our Solar System.
6. The Joint Astronomy Center in Hawaii has constructed a great interactive web site that allows input of one's birthday and then finds a star that many light years away: <http://outreach.jach.hawaii.edu/birthstars/>. Stars located by this wonderful program may not be bright however but are very customized to individual birthdays. See the FREE Astronomy Day Handbook for more details.
7. The Astronomical League has made arrangements for member society to purchase liability insurance at somewhat reasonable prices. If your society is a member of the League, contact the [Executive Secretary](#) to obtain details. Many shopping malls require liability insurance before they will let you do any type of display or program in their mall.