



ASTRONOMY DAY

Bringing Astronomy to the People

2015

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 2015 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: <http://www.astroleague.org/files/astroday/AwardEntryForms2015Final.pdf> for rules, guidelines and entry form.

3. Sky Publishing not only has the Astronomy Day Handbook available for free downloading, they also have the popular Good Neighbor Outdoor Lighting flyer, a clear, simple information sheet on light pollution and how anyone can minimize it. Go to: <http://media.skyandtelescope.com/documents/AstroDayHbk2007.pdf>
4. The Abrams Sky Calendar 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. You can download both pdf's from their Sky Calendar web page at: <http://www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/SkyCalendar/>. Scroll down the page and click on Sample Sky Calendar or Sample Sky Map.
5. For ideas for children, see "Toddlers at the Telescope" by Alice Altair Enevoldsen, *Sky & Telescope*, August 2014 pp 34-37
6. To increase PR for your 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.
7. NASA has (for US based locations) a free speakers bureau at <http://www.nasa.gov/about/speakers/> which also has a link to requesting a free astronaut appearance.
8. Looking for the International Space Station (ISS) is an interesting activity. To find out when the ISS will be visible go to <http://heavens-above.com/> to get a 10 day print out of possible sightings from any location you choose. NASA also has a site that will calculate (and send you e-mail alerts) for listed locations at <http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>
9. The Astronomical League has made arrangements for member societies to purchase liability insurance at somewhat reasonable prices. If your society is a member of the League, go to: <https://www.astroleague.org/content/club-liability-insurance-astronomical-league-clubs> to obtain details. Many shopping malls require liability insurance before they will let you do any type of display or program in their mall.