



# What's Up With the Astronomical League April 2023

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## Special ALCon 2023 Edition

Mail in registration is now open for ALCon 2023, the national convention of the Astronomical League.

**BIENVENUE EN LOUISIANE! (WELCOME TO LOUISIANA!)**  
Join us for this unique and exciting amateur astronomy gathering!



**July 26–29, 2023**  
Hilton Baton Rouge  
Capitol Center Hotel  
201 Lafayette Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

# ALCON 2023



**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- ★ David Eicher—writer, editor-in-chief of *Astronomy Magazine*
- ★ Fred Espanak—co-author of *Totality: The Great American Eclipses of 2017 and 2024*
- ★ David Levy—author, comet hunter

**FIELD TRIPS**

- ★ Irene Pennington Planetarium
- ★ LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) Livingston\*
- ★ Louisiana State University Physics & Astronomy
- ★ Highland Road Park Observatory

\*Spaces are limited for this trip!

**SPEAKERS** ★ Pranvera Hyseni ★ Guy Consolmagno ★ Dan Davis ★ And many more!

Brought to Baton Rouge by the **Baton Rouge Astronomical Society**

★ Registration info coming soon! Check [alcon2023.org](http://alcon2023.org)



**Please find the mail-in registration form on page 2. Online registration will be open soon and announced at [Alcon2023.org](http://Alcon2023.org), when it is available.**

**We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge!**

## Astronomical League Convention (ALCON) 2023 Mail-In Registration Form

July 26th to 29th, 2023  
 Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center // 201 Lafayette Street // Baton Rouge, LA 70801 // (225)-344-5866  
[alcon2023info@alcon2023.org](mailto:alcon2023info@alcon2023.org)

Please complete the information below, including food (use the 'note' section to list any special dietary restrictions), trips, and transportation. Information about all events as well as links to the hotel and online registration forms (preferred) can be found at <https://www.ALCON2023.org>. Please mark quantity of items requested in each column in space provided. Send in completed form and payment to the address below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registrant Information:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Name to appear on badge: _____</p> <p>Mailing Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p><b>Astronomical League Club of other affiliation (Check One):</b></p> <p>Member    Member at Large    Lifetime Member</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Patron    Other</p> <p>Name of club, organization, or affiliation (ALPO, AL, AAVSO, RASC, etc.): _____</p> <p>Master Observer?    Yes    No</p> <p>Master Observer Number: _____</p> <p>Have you received your Master Observer Plaque?    Yes    No</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, 26 July:</b></p> <p>Bus to Landolt Observatory at Louisiana State University (\$12): _____</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thursday, 27 July:</b></p> <p>Box Lunch (\$35): _____ Note _____</p> <p>Tour of the LIGO Facility in Livingston Parish* \$30 _____</p> <p>Evening Planetarium, show and talk from Fred Espanak at the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum's Pennington Planetarium* (\$30): _____</p> <p>*Limited seating available. Refunds will be issued if needed.</p> <p>***All LIGO attendees must submit proof of COVID vaccination***</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration Fee (note quantity):</b></p> <p>Single:    \$95 _____</p> <p>Couple:    \$145 _____</p> <p>Youth:    \$45 (per individual under 18) _____</p>	<p><b>Friday, 28 July:</b></p> <p>Box Lunch (\$35): _____ Note _____</p> <p>Star-B-Que dinner at Highland Road Park Observatory, a partnership between Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS), and the Recreation and Parks Commission of Baton Rouge (BREC) (\$40): _____</p> <p>Bus to Highland Road Park Observatory (\$12): _____</p>
<p><b>Additional Couple Information:</b></p> <p>Second Name: _____</p> <p>Second Badge Name: _____</p>	<p><b>Saturday, 29 July:</b></p> <p>Box Lunch (\$35): _____ Note _____</p> <p>Award Banquet with David Eicher:</p> <p>Chicken (\$55): _____ Fish(\$65): _____ Note: _____</p>
<p><b>Student / Youth Information:</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Age (as of 1 August 2023): _____</p>	<p><b>ALCON 2023 T-Shirts, (\$25) (List quantity next to each size)</b></p> <p>S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____</p> <p>XXL _____ XXXL _____ XXXXL _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Payment Totals:</b></p> <p>Registration: _____ T-Shirts: _____</p> <p>Wednesday: _____ Donation: _____</p> <p>Thursday: _____ Friday: _____</p> <p>Saturday: _____ <b>Total:</b> _____</p> <p>Make Checks payable to "ALCON 2023" for the total indicated and mail this form and check to:</p> <p><b>Astronomical League, ALCON 2023</b></p> <p><b>9201 Ward Parkway, Suite 100</b></p> <p><b>Kansas City, MO 64114</b></p>	

All registrations must be postmarked no later than (3 July 2023).

Registration includes access to all daytime events at the hotel, admittance to Landolt Observatory program, pin, and bag.

Registrants acknowledge that by attending ALCon 2023 they may be photographed during the event and the photos may be used by the Astronomical League's educational and publicity programs.