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What's Up With the Astronomical League March, 2014

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ALCON 2014, JULY 10-12



Alcon 2014 offers you the opportunity to interact with many people, such as research astronomers, authors, university professors, youth astronomers and other amateur astronomers.

The following speakers are confirmed at this time:

Don Pettit, astronaut explorer; **Don Olson**, Celestial Sleuth; **Erika Rix**, Astro-Sketching; **Amanda Bayless**, Stellar Binaries; **Forrest Mims**, Earth's Atmosphere; **John Davis**, Art in Astro-Imaging; **Mike Simmons**, Astronomers Without Borders; **Larry Mitchell**, Deep Sky Objects; **William Bucklew**, Lowell Observatory; **Aaron Clevenson**, Supernova 2014J and **Laura Allai**, Astrophotography. *See page 2 for a mail in registration or refer to the convention website for paypal registration and much more information about ALCon at alcon2014.astroleague.org.*

Remember the special \$99 room rate is available both a few days before and after the actual convention dates.

Things to do and places to see in the San Antonio area while at ALCon:

- The Alamo
- Sea World
- San Antonio Missions National Park
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- Tower of the Americas
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- Natural Bridge Cavern & Wildlife Ranch
- Menger Hotel
- Paseo del Rio (Riverwalk)
- Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- San Antonio Zoo
- Japanese Tea Gardens
- Witte Museum
- McNay Art Museum
- Institute of Texas Cultures
- Spanish Governor's Palace

Special Android Application now available from the NASA Space Place Program:

Space Place Prime is now available on Android! A spinoff of NASA's popular kids' Space Place website (spaceplace.nasa.gov), Space Place Prime has timely, educational, and easy-to-read articles and activities from the Space Place and other science websites, the latest and most impressive NASA space and Earth imagery, and a wide array of informational movies. There is plenty to keep everyone occupied and informed. Content is updated daily, <http://tinyurl.com/lyqme53>

ALCON 2014 REGISTRATION INFORMATION—JULY 10, 11, 12 2014

Printable form available at astroleague.org.

Mail completed form with your check made payable to **ALCon 2014** to:
 Astronomical League, ALCon 2014
 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 alcon2014.astroleague.org and make remittance with PayPal.

Name: _____

Name and Title for ID badge: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Astronomical Affiliation (Club)? _____

Are you a member of ALPO? _____

You may make your room reservations at the Hilton San Antonio Airport by calling 1- 888-728-3031. Be sure to ask for the "National Astronomical League 2014 Convention—ALCon 2014" special rate, \$99 per room night. Must reserve by June 14 to receive the ALCon rate. Free parking and free wifi.

ALCon merchandise (Order Deadline June 25)

Silk-screened T-shirt, White _____; or Royal Blue _____
 S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ : \$20

Embroidered polo shirt, White _____; Royal Blue _____
 Mens: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ : \$25
 Womens: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ : \$25

Help the League help amateur astronomy by making a tax deductible donation _____

The organizers reserve the right to make such changes to the event as may be necessary due to conditions outside of their control.

ALCON2014.ASTROLEAGUE.ORG

Registration Schedule

Early Registration Fees (after June 25, add \$20)

For each item you wish to select, please enter the amount on the right.

- Individual 2 or 3 day registration: (\$50) _____
- Single day registration: (\$35) _____
- Couples 2 or 3 day registration: (\$80) _____
- Students: (\$20) _____

Children under 15 years of age accompanying adults who are registering: free

Are you a vendor?

General registration is required for each person.
 Vendor Table, include 2 chairs and skirt (\$25) _____

Thursday night Star BQ

BarB-Q Brisket and Smoked Sausage, BarB-Q Chicken; Cole Slaw; Pecan Pie; Iced Tea, Coffee. (\$40) _____

Friday Bus from Hilton Airport to Riverwalk and return

(for those needing transportation), Leave 6:00 p.m. return 10:00 p.m. Avoid driving aggravations and parking fees! Individual (\$20) _____ Couple (\$32) _____

Saturday night Awards Banquet (Please select one)

- Vegetarian: Spinach and Fromage Tortellini with Capers, Kalamata Olives and Fresh Vegetables in a Saffron Tomato Basil Sauce (\$42.50) _____
- Chicken Roulade stuffed with Sun-dried Tomatoes, Spinach & Boursin Cheese with Cream Sauce (\$45) _____
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin (\$45) _____

Summary:

- Registration Type _____ +
- Vendor Table Registration _____ +
- Merchandise _____ +
- Thursday's Star BQ _____ +
- Friday's Riverwalk Bus _____ +
- Saturday's Awards Banquet _____ +
- League Donation _____ =
- Grand Total: \$ _____**