



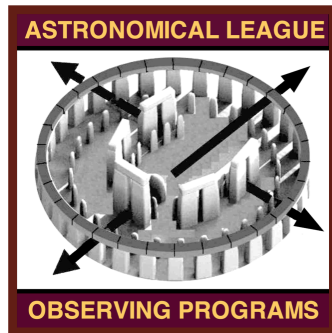
# Why the ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE?



A NONPROFIT FEDERATION  
OF NEARLY 300 ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETIES AND 25,000 MEMBERS

## Observing Programs.

The Astronomical League is famous for its nationally recognized Observing Programs, now numbering over sixty. These awards require recognizing celestial objects or completing activities. Different programs are directed at specific expertise levels. Some programs have associated manuals available through the AL Sales store.



## Reflector Magazine.

Every member receives this full color quarterly magazine that is published for League members by League members. Observers are encouraged to submit articles and images for our national readership of over 22,000 amateur astronomers.

## Night Sky Tools.

Materials to assist and accompany you in your journey under the stars: Monthly sky maps, Timely observing activities, Outreach Downloads, Observing Briefs, Topical Flyers. **Plus**, the popular introductory guide: "Take your first steps."



## Annual League Awards.

The Astronomical League wants to recognize those individuals who are dedicated to amateur astronomy. The League gives annual recognition awards in several different areas: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Volunteer, and Observer.

## Williamina Fleming Imaging Awards.

Women AL members are eligible to enter their best images in this suite of Imaging Awards.



## Youth in Astronomy Awards.

Because of the very generous sponsorship of *Explore Scientific* and the *Horkheimer Charitable Fund*, the League offers two youth research awards, two service awards, three imaging awards, and three communications awards – all recognizing the achievements of young astronomers.



## Sketching Award.

This competition gives cash prizes for the best sketches by League members. The first place entry receives \$250, second place \$125, and third place \$75.

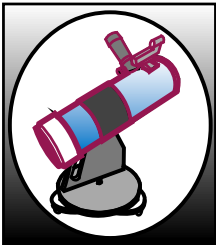
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**Astronomy Day Awards.** Two days each year are set aside for amateur astronomers to connect with the public by bringing them our incredible avocation through public viewing sessions, displays, and other activities. The AL, with the support of the *American Astronomical Society*, presents cash awards for the best club participation.

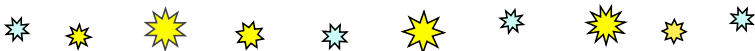
## Library Telescope Loaner Program.



The League gives away up to eleven telescopes each year for clubs to modify and donate to their local libraries where their patrons can check them out as they check out books.

## Club Liability Insurance.

Imagine the challenges faced when searching for club liability insurance. Please contact the Astronomical League for a carrier offering a liability policy with a premium that might suit your club: [Leagueoffice@astroleague.org](mailto:Leagueoffice@astroleague.org)



## Become part of the Astronomical League!

We offer three routes to be eligible for enjoying the many benefits of Astronomical League membership:

- ☼ If you already belong to an astronomy club that has full League membership status, you are automatically enrolled as an AL member.
- ☼ If your club is partially affiliated with the League, simply inform your club's membership officer that you wish to be an Astronomical League member.
- ☼ You may join as an individual with the Member-at-Large program.

## Celestial Savings.

League members qualify for special discounts at participating astronomical vendors. Members also enjoy a considerable discount on the RASC's Observer's Handbook.



The annual national convention of the **Astronomical League** assembles amateurs together from around the country to rub shoulders with magazine editors, research astronomers, authors, university professors, as well as officers of the Astronomical League and partnering organizations. Attendees listen to and speak with people well versed in outreach, equipment, imaging, club improvement, youth in astronomy, the art of observing, and the science of astronomy. Amateurs will have the very best "discovery" experience.



## Consider what might be the most important reasons for being part of this respected national organization...

- To bring the wonder, beauty, and mystery of this incredible universe to you,
- To act as a national voice for amateur astronomy, and
- To interact with amateurs across the USA and around the world, and with other astronomy organizations.