

Dues

Membership dues support the LCAAS mission, including public observing sessions and outreach.

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LCAAS
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Annual Membership Dues:

Family \$24.00

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Date Applied: _____

Name: _____

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We also accept tax deductible donations.

Beginners Tips

- Get started in astronomy by using just a star map and your eyes. Learn the easily identifiable constellations.

<http://www.skymaps.com> has excellent monthly maps you can print off yourself along with information on what is currently in the sky.

- Pull out the old pair of binoculars you have laying around the house. They are an excellent beginner's scope with which you can spot many interesting objects such as open clusters, galaxies, planets, and the moon.

- See more stars by avoiding brightly lit areas. Darkness causes your pupils to dilate letting more light in to your eye, enabling you to see fainter objects.

- Always use a dim red light to read your star charts. Put scotch tape over the lens and paint over it with red magic marker or fingernail polish.

- Dress appropriately for the weather. The sights may take your breath away but they will not warm you up. Dress like it will be 10 degrees cooler than what it is.

- Last but not least, join your local astronomy club!



**Promoting Amateur Astronomy
in the La Crosse Area Since
1978**



Monthly meetings are held at the UW-La Crosse Planetarium in the basement of Cowley Hall (Room 20) the first Wednesday of each month. Open meetings start at 7:15 PM.

The public is welcome to club observing sessions!
Bring your own scope or look through others.

Check our website and user group for details:

<http://www.lcaas.org>

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/laxastro>

Join us on Facebook!

Founded in 1978, the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society (LCAAS) has been instrumental in furthering the hobby and science of amateur astronomy. Astronomy is the study and enjoyment of the celestial objects that share our universe. The range of experience and types of equipment to accomplish this can be quite varied.

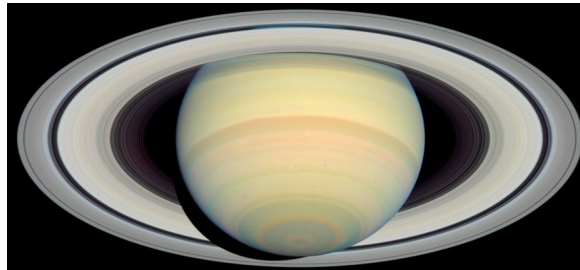
Some members have had a lifetime interest in astronomy while others are just getting started. The equipment and observing techniques used are just as diverse. Sometimes a star chart and lawn chair are all that is needed to enjoy watching the heavens. One benefit of group membership is the opportunity to share and learn with other astronomy enthusiasts.



Group activities include regular monthly meetings and a yearly banquet. Between scheduled meetings, members attend observing sessions at a number of local dark sky sites. These occur primarily around new moon weekends from May to September. Dates, times and locations can be found at our website www.lcaas.org. All are welcome to attend.

Every year the club celebrates Astronomy Day in the spring and fall at a local park with both daytime solar viewing and night time star observing. We are also able, with the use of our telescopes, binoculars and knowledge, to show people the many beautiful and interesting objects in our night sky.

The La Crosse Area Astronomical Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.



Suggested Resources

Stargazing Basics: Getting Started in Recreational Astronomy, by Paul Kinzer

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<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/laxastro>

<http://www.skymaps.com>

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com>

<http://www.astronomy.com>

<http://www.cloudynights.com>

<http://spaceweather.com>

<http://uwlax.edu/planetarium>

<http://www.worldwidetelescope.org>

<http://www.stellarium.org>

<http://www.hubblesite.org>

<http://www.apod.nasa.gov>

<http://www.heavens-above.com>

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