



# RAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Special discount membership dues are available for new members\* as follows:**

**Individual - \$20** (annual renewal is \$40)

**Family - \$25** (annual renewal is \$50)

**Student** (full-time, ~20 or more hours per week) - **\$20** (annual renewal is \$20)

**Patron** (includes full membership) -Bronze **\$100**, Silver **\$200**, Gold **\$300**

Patron memberships have no additional benefits.

The three levels are provided to make it easy for you to extend your membership donation to the organization. Thank you.

\* New member is one who has not been a dues paying member of the Riverside Astronomical Society in the past two membership years. "New member" dues constitute full membership in the RAS until the end of the current membership year (June 30), and regular renewal rates for the next year apply at that time. Memberships for those joining after March 30 of any year extend through June of the following membership year.

**By providing us with the following information, we will be able to quickly welcome you into the RAS once dues are paid. We will contact you either by return e-mail, or by a posted letter from our membership coordinator. Thanks again for your interest.**

**Note: None of this information is shared with a third party. The information is forwarded directly to our membership coordinator (E-Mail: [membership@rivastro.org](mailto:membership@rivastro.org)).**

Please select membership level...

Individual     Family     Student     Patron Bronze     Patron Silver     Patron Gold

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member Names (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt./Suite: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about RAS? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been involved in astronomy? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of equipment do you have? (Include binoculars, telescopes, cameras, CCDs, etc.)

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At what level would you consider yourself in Astronomy?

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

The RAS is involved in several services for our members and community.

For example, we have a public outreach program that visits schools, scout troops, and other organizations where we hold star parties for them. We are also developing a dark sky site for astronomical use located in Landers, CA. If you would be willing to help out in any way in the following areas, please indicate so. We sure could use the help!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Star Parties            | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Articles   | <input type="checkbox"/> Locating Guest Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach      | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Sky Observing Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing Tours      | <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Beginner's Class  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations      | <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope Maintenance   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |

Would you like to participate in any of the following special interest groups?

- Beginner's Corner: This is a class for beginners and we discuss all aspects of amateur astronomy. It is held on an "as-needed" basis. But, you're in luck. Currently, we have a regular beginner's session prior to our General Meeting. You can also attend any meeting or star party to learn more about amateur astronomy and the RAS. If you'd like, we can also teach you how to use your telescope.**
- Telescope Making and Mirror Making Group: We have members who can provide guidance in mirror making, building your own telescope, or making improvements to the telescope you already own. This group generally meets once a month.**
- Astro-Imaging Group: Members who participate in astro-imaging with various types of cameras and telescopes meet monthly at Norte Dame High School in Riverside. If you want to learn how to image the sky, or improve your imaging techniques, this is the group for you.**
- Lunar/Planetary Observing Group: This is a group where members participate in discussion and observation of lunar features and solar system objects. Unlike any other celestial object, the details on the surface of the moon and most planets can be easily seen with a small telescope. If you want to learn more about these types of observations, or improve your observing skills, this is the group for you.**

Would you like to receive our full color bulletin available for free download on the web?  Yes

Would you like to subscribe to Sky & Telescope or Astronomy magazine at discount price?  Yes

Send Application to:

**Frank & Linda Boecker:  
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Riverside CA 92504**

Make checks payable to:

**Riverside Astronomical Society**

Or Call at: **(310) 629-8124**

or Email: [lovetostargaze@hotmail.com](mailto:lovetostargaze@hotmail.com)

Thanks for your support!