



RAS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thanks for your interest in becoming a member of the Riverside Astronomical Society!

The following special discount membership dues are available to new members*:

Individual: \$20 (annual renewal is \$40)

Family: \$25 (annual renewal is \$50)

Student**: \$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.

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 email or a posted letter from our membership coordinator.

Note: None of the information you provide will be shared with a third party. The information is forwarded directly to our membership coordinator (email: 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 Code _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____ Email Address _____

How did you learn about the RAS? Magazine ad Outreach event Star party RAS Member Word of mouth
 Other (please explain) _____

How long have you been involved in astronomy? _____

What kind of equipment do you have?
(Binoculars? Telescopes? Cameras?) _____

How would you describe your level of astronomy experience/knowledge? Beginner Intermediate Advanced

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* A new member is one who has not been a dues-paying member of the Riverside Astronomical Society during the past two membership cycles. New Member dues constitute full membership in the RAS until the end of the current membership year (membership year is 7/1 thru 6/30). To continue membership, the regular annual renewal rates apply. If joining after 3/30, your membership will be extended through June of the following year.

** For the purposes of membership, we classify a full-time student as one who is devoting ~20 or more hours per week to a formal education program.

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

We have a public outreach program that visits schools, scout troops, and other organizations where we hold star parties for them. We also have a dark sky site for astronomical use that's constantly being enhanced and upgraded for our members as well as for outreach events.

Please let us know if you are able and willing to help out in any of the following areas—Help in these areas is never required but it's always appreciated!

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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 and Mirror Making:** 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:** Members who participate in astrophotography with various types of cameras and telescopes meet monthly in Moreno Valley. If you want to learn how to image the sky, or improve your imaging techniques, this is the group for you.

Would you like to receive our FREE, full-color, digital newsletter (downloadable from rivastro.org)? Yes

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Riverside, CA 92516

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Riverside Astronomical Society

If you have any questions, please call:
(951) 687-8195

Or email:
lovetostargaze@hotmail.com

Thanks for your support!