

# Universes to Explore

The Rose City Astronomers (RCA) is a non-profit club organized to promote the education and enjoyment of amateur astronomy.

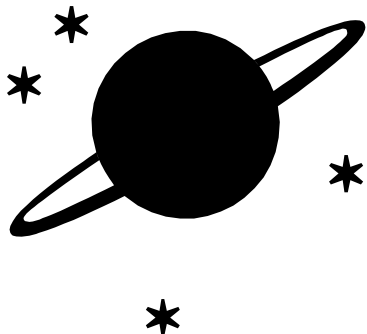
General meetings are held at the **Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)** on the third Monday of every month.

Meetings include a special program often featuring a renowned speaker presenting the most current developments in astronomy, space research or amateur observing. Programs are designed to meet the needs of both novice and advanced amateur astronomers.

*Newcomers are encouraged to attend a general meeting and join an enthusiastic group seeking to expand their knowledge of astronomy and enjoy camaraderie.*

Members begin arriving at 7:00 PM for a social and informal mixing time, with the formal club meeting beginning at 7:30. Generally, meetings are held in the OMSI Auditorium, with periodic meetings in the OMSI Kendall Planetarium.

**Mark your calendar for the third Monday of the month!**



# Star Parties



One primary activity of the RCA is **observing** at star parties. We hold star parties around new moon weekends at sites locally (within an hour of Portland), as well as at dark-sky sites in Central Oregon and Washington. All are welcome to attend, even without observing aids. Many members own portable telescopes and binoculars and are eager to share their views of deep sky objects, the Moon, and planets. Ask for information on attending star parties at the Membership Table at general meetings. Star parties are scheduled March through October, many with a host attending to provide assistance. Impromptu parties are often organized throughout the year when sky conditions are favorable.

# Membership



A membership in RCA costs \$24 per year and covers the immediate family. The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year, and dues are prorated according to the month you sign up. A membership registration form is located on the back side of this brochure.

With your new membership, you can pick up a *New Member Packet* at general meetings (not by mail). This packet provides excellent orientation information to the club.



# RCA Activities & Services

*A membership in RCA offers many benefits:*



- ◆ **The Rosette Gazette** newsletter. It's simply the best in the Northwest! It is published monthly to keep you informed of club events, star parties, club proceedings and astronomy news. Members are encouraged to submit articles, news notes, and items of interest. There is also a classified column for those wishing to buy or sell equipment.
- ◆ Membership in the national **Astronomical League**, a consortium of amateur clubs in the US. You will receive their quarterly newsletter, *The Reflector*, which assists in maintaining communication throughout the amateur astronomical community.
- ◆ Club Libraries - Our libraries offer an array of astronomy books, club telescopes, and equipment that members can check out.
- ◆ Discounts on magazine subscriptions, books and other astronomy goodies.
- ◆ Host to public star parties, member star parties, and other astronomical events.
- ◆ The Oregon Star Party: RCA co-sponsors the OSP, one of the nation's largest star parties. Each August it is held under Central Oregon's pristine skies.
- ◆ RCA ONLINE - Participate in an active members-only bulletin board that keeps the astronomy communication flowing. Visit our web site at: <http://www.rosecityastronomers.org/>

## New Member Registration Form

RCA's membership year is July 1 – June 30, with dues prorated according to the month you join. Please make your check payable in the amount based on the following schedule: January – \$36; February – \$34; March – \$32; April – \$30; May – \$28; June – \$26; July – \$24; August – \$22; September – \$20; October – \$18; November – \$16; December – \$14.

Please make checks payable to **Rose City Astronomers** and send to:

Membership; Rose City Astronomers, OMSI  
1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214-3354

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter by Internet? \_\_\_\_\_ or US Mail? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want to be added to the RCA Email broadcast list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

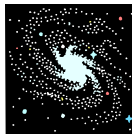
## Special Interest Groups

With a club of over 300 member families, there are many special interests within the field of astronomy. Informal sub-groups form and meet periodically to bring members together to explore these areas. We have special groups involved in:



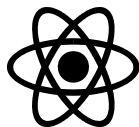
*Telescope Making*

*Astrophotography/CCD Imaging*



*Meteorology*

*Cosmology*



*Observing Programs*



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the universe . . .*

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