

## About Us

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*Founded in 1979, the Central Coast Astronomical Society (CCAS) is an association of people who share a common interest in astronomy and related sciences.*

*Our membership consists of people from all walks of life, ages and educational backgrounds.*

*We are committed to sharing the wonders of the universe and we achieve our goal through regular public lecture programs and star parties, by publishing a monthly bulletin of articles and events, and through our website: [www.sloastro.org](http://www.sloastro.org)*



Planetary nebula M42 in Orion Nebula.  
Photographed by CCAS member Lee Coombs.

# Join Us...



*...sharing the wonders  
of the universe*



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Astronomical Society**

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P.O. Box 1415  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

## Lectures & Star Parties

### MONTHLY MEETING & LECTURE

On the fourth Thursday of the month (Jan-May, Aug-Oct), we often have world-renowned professionals and amateurs in astronomy speak about their projects during our monthly meetings. The talks are informal and questions are invited.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in San Luis Obispo. For location and directions, visit our website: [www.sloastro.org](http://www.sloastro.org)

### OUTREACH PROGRAM

We offer a limited number of outreach programs where we bring our star party to you. These custom events include a talk about current topics in space science. After the lectures, we make our telescopes available for your group to observe the wonders of the night sky.

### STAR-GAZING EVENTS

Join us for a star-gazing evening by observing the dark skies through club members' telescopes. It begins just before sunset on one Saturday each month. The Star Party is hosted in Santa Margarita. (See website [www.sloastro.org](http://www.sloastro.org) for dates, times and locations).

**Need help operating your telescope?** Bring your telescope one hour early for help on how to work your telescope by our friendly astronomers.



## Why Join CCAS?

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Subscription to *Celestial Newsletter*, our monthly bulletin of articles and events
- Interaction with world class speakers as they present cutting edge astronomical research
- Discounts on *Sky & Telescope* and *Astronomy* magazines
- Social events, such as our annual Star-B-Que
- Club telescopes – use one of the club's loaner scopes, complete with instructional lessons
- Access to 'Members Only' are of the website containing observing tips, scope tricks, and educational articles for all levels
- Field trips – to observatories and other locations of scientific interest, such as Mt. Wilson Observatory in Pasadena, Chabot, Space and Science Center, Fremont Peak, and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (registration fee may be requested)
- Extended observing hours on public nights and private observing sessions exclusively for CCAS members
- Assistance from club members, and other "how-tos" to help you best enjoy amateur astronomy and astrophotography

*Questions about membership or other events?*  
Call Lee Coombs at (805) 466-2788 or visit our website at:

**[www.sloastro.org](http://www.sloastro.org)**

## How to Join

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is billed for each upcoming year in September. Partial-year membership payments are prorated.

**Membership Categories** (Check one):

- \$12 Youth/Student
- \$12 Seniors
- \$15 Individual/Family

**Magazine subscriptions** Add specified amount to membership fee for a 1-year subscription.

- Sky & Telescope* (+ \$33)
- Astronomy* (+ \$34)

**Information: (PRINT CLEARLY!!)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter Subscription:**

You can choose E-Mail (recommended) or hard copy delivery for *Celestial Observer*: (check one)

- E-Mail (full color)
- Hard Copy (black & white)

Please make checks payable to **Central Coast Astronomical Society** and mail to **P.O. Box 1415, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.**