

The Big Picture

Are you interested in the **big** picture? The **really big** picture? So are we.

Since 1960, the members of the Twin City Amateur Astronomers (TCAA) have been exploring the heavens, sharing our love of astronomy with the community, and generally just having a good time.

Things We Do

- Observe at our dark-sky site, Sugar Grove Nature Center in Funks Grove
- Educate with informative and entertaining talks and observing sessions
- Encourage a lifelong interest in science via programs for school and social groups
- Promote astronomy via exhibits, displays, and demonstrations

Getting in Touch

1. Web: <http://www.tcaa.us>
2. Email: tcaa@tcaa.us
3. Phone: 309-824-2804 or 309-830-4085
4. Mail: Twin City Amateur Astronomers
c/o Carl Wenning, Secretary
21 Grandview Drive
Normal, IL 61761-4071

Membership Privileges

- Read and contribute to the TCAA's award-winning monthly newsletter, *The OBSERVER*.
- Automatically become a member of the Astronomical League and participate in its many observing awards programs.
- Read the *REFLECTOR*, the newsletter of the Astronomical League.
- Learn astronomy, the art of observing, and skills of sky interpretation.
- Enroll in "member only" courses such as *Introduction to Amateur Astronomy* and *Introductory Astrophotography*.
- Gain access to Sugar Grove Observatory – our visual observatory – with its excellent 12" Meade telescope for qualifying members.
- Gain access to Prairie Sky Observatory – our photographic observatory – with its four telescopes ranging from 10" to 20" in aperture – again for qualifying members.
- Present topics at our public observing sessions.
- Benefit from many decades of accumulated experience in all aspects of astronomy, at both amateur and professional levels, within the club's membership.

To get a detailed explanation of TCAA membership and its benefits, read our 15-page guide *Membership and Benefits* here: <http://www.tcaa.us/TCAAGuides.aspx>

Getting Started

Not sure if you have what it takes to become an amateur astronomer? Read the following TCAA guides:

Introduction to Amateur Astronomy
Astronomy as a Hobby
The Art of Sky Interpretation
Introduction to Astrophotography

<http://www.tcaa.us/TCAAGuides.aspx>

The Fine Print

Membership in the TCAA is open to anyone interested in astronomy, from novices to professional astronomers.

You don't need to know much about astronomy, and you don't need any equipment in order to join. Our primary mission is to assist those less knowledgeable and less well equipped!

The TCAA is a club where direct participation is strongly encouraged. As you become more comfortable in astronomy, you can help train those who have not yet achieved your level of expertise.

The TCAA is a Federally recognized 501(c)(3) educational non-profit corporation chartered in Illinois.

Sign Me Up!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

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TCAA Annual Dues

\$40 Household (family)
\$25 Senior (over 60 years old)
\$25 Full-time Student

Mail dues payment to:

Twin City Amateur Astronomers
c/o David Osenga, Treasurer
1109 N. Linden Street
Normal, IL 61761-1471

or join the TCAA online at:

<http://tcaa.us/Join.aspx>

Outreach Programs

In keeping with our charter to educate the general public about astronomy, our club offers:

- ★ Monthly public observing sessions
- ★ Special event sessions
- ★ Speakers for schools and social groups
- ★ Private sessions for interested groups

TCAA Affiliations

The TCAA is proud to be affiliated with these fine astronomical organizations:

- ★ Astronomical League – A national association of amateur astronomy clubs
- ★ International Dark-Sky Association – Dedicated to the global preservation and restoration of dark skies
- ★ NASA Night Sky Network – NASA's public outreach to amateur astronomers

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Twin City Amateur Astronomers



Bringing Astronomy to
Bloomington-Normal
and Beyond since 1960