

Lectures & Star Parties

Monthly Meeting & Lecture

On the third Wednesday of the month, from February through December, world-renowned professionals and amateurs in astronomy and related disciplines speak about their projects in San Francisco's Randall Museum. The talks are informal and questions are invited.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., lectures at 8:00 p.m., in the Randall Museum auditorium. Randall Museum website: (www.randallmuseum.org)

Mount Tamalpais Astronomy Program

At sunset, on the Saturday nearest the first quarter moon, professionals from universities, NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and elsewhere talk about current topics in space science. After the lectures, we make our telescopes available for the public to observe the wonders of the night sky. This program is sponsored by Mount Tamalpais State Park, the Mount Tamalpais Interpretive Association and the SFAA. It is held monthly at Rock Springs Parking Lot on Mount Tamalpais from April through October (www.mttam.net).

City Star Party and Telescope Clinic

Join us for a brief lecture featuring speakers from the local astronomical community, followed by observing through club members' telescopes. It begins just before sunset on one Saturday each month. The City Star party is hosted at one of two sites: the USS San Francisco Memorial near Fort Miley in San Francisco, and at the Randall Museum. (See www.sfaa-astronomy.org for dates, times and locations).

This program is a joint effort with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation. Bring your telescope one hour early for lessons at our telescope clinic – a joint project with the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers (www.randallmuseum.org,

www.nps.gov/goga/parknews/events,
www.sfsidewalkastronomers.org).

Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to *Above the Fog*, 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
- Discounts on equipment and accessories at local telescope retailers
- Annual club Astrophotography, Literary & Art Awards
- Social events, such as our annual picnic and our awards dinner
- Club telescopes – use one of the club's loaner scopes on a month to month basis
- Yosemite Star Party – held at Glacier Point exclusively for SFAA members
- Access to events and resources in Northern California and beyond
- 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 (a registration fee may be requested)
- Extended observing hours on public nights and private observing sessions at Mount Tamalpais State Park
- Access to dark sites in Northern California
- Assistance from club members, and other "how-tos" to help you best enjoy amateur astronomy and astrophotography

Questions about membership or events?

Call our hotline at (415) 289-6636 or visit our website at www.sfaa-astronomy.org

Membership Application

Membership is billed for each upcoming year on June 30. **Between January 1 and June 30, new members pay one half the amount listed below.**

Membership Categories (Check One):

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10 Youth/Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 Institutional
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75 Supporting
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 Family		

Magazine subscriptions Add specified amount to membership fee for a 1-year subscription. Magazine fees remain the same regardless of the time of year you join.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sky & Telescope</i> (+ \$32.95)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Astronomy</i> (+ \$34.00)

Information:

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You can choose E-Mail (recommended) or hard copy delivery for *Above the Fog*.(Check One):

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San Francisco Amateur Astronomers
P.O. Box 15097
San Francisco, CA 94115

Founded in 1952, the San Francisco Amateur Astronomers (SFAA) 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.

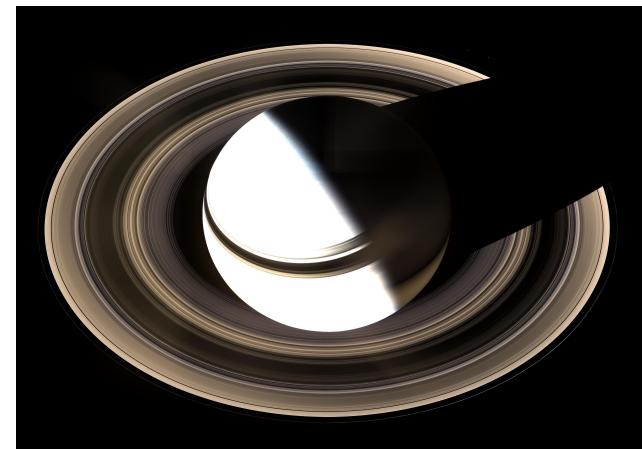
We are committed to sharing the wonders of the universe and we achieve our goal through regular public lecture programs and star parties, by publishing a monthly bulletin of articles and events, and through our website.



Spiral galaxy M51 with companion galaxy NGC 5195. Photographed by SFAA member Geoffrey Collins.

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