

# Pontchartrain Astronomy Society

[www.pasnola.org](http://www.pasnola.org)



## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- \* Fellowship with others having an interest in astronomy and science.
- \* Entertaining and educational General Meeting each month.
- \* Observers Group meeting each month.
- \* Monthly *PAS-Times* Newsletter available on the PAS website (mailed subscription available for \$20/Yr)
- \* Astronomical League membership.
- \* Access to our secure dark-sky observing site on the north shore.
- \* Annual Family Picnic & Christmas Party.
- \* Access to the PAS library.
- \* Discounts on astronomy publications.

## MEETINGS

The PAS conducts a monthly **General Meeting** open to the public. These meetings include a business discussion, a raffle and a presentation on a topic of general interest to amateur astronomers. Meetings may also include astrophotographs taken during recent sky events. Visit the calendar on [pasnola.org](http://pasnola.org) for the date of our next meeting.

The **Observers Group Meeting** is also held each month for the more serious observers. These meetings are informal and include discussions of recent observations, demonstrations of new equipment, ideas on telescope making and planning of upcoming observing sessions. Visit the calendar on [pasnola.org](http://pasnola.org) for the date of the next meeting.

## EVENTS

A **Family Picnic** and a **Christmas Party** are held annually. All members and their families and guests are invited.

The PAS participates in the **Deep South Regional Stargaze** held each fall at a dark sky location (time & place to be announced) north of New Orleans. This event brings together a coalition of amateur astronomy clubs from throughout the southeastern U.S.

The **Astronomy Day** community outreach event is held each year in April. The PAS exhibits telescope equipment and conducts demonstrations during the day. After dark, PAS members provide visitors with a guided tour of the heavens, offering the public an opportunity to look through the telescope eyepiece.

## STAR PARTIES

Informal star gazes are held several times each year at local schools as part of our ongoing public outreach educational program. In town star gazes are also held at members' homes, or at local observing sites.

## DARK SKY OBSERVING SITE

The PAS operates a prime dark-sky observing site located north of Lake Pontchartrain, in rural Louisiana several miles south of Franklinton. The site is maintained by volunteers from the PAS and is secured against unwelcome visitors by a locked gate. Facilities include a camping area, electrical outlets, bunkhouse (with restroom and shower), and a domed observatory with an 11" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Members may obtain access from the PAS Treasurer.

## DISCOUNTS

PAS members are entitled to discounts on *Sky & Telescope* and *Astronomy Magazine* subscriptions.

Our monthly newsletter, *PAS-Times*, includes society news, activities and articles on astronomy. The newsletter is available online (mailed copy available for \$20/yr for those without computers). Members also receive the *Reflector*, a quarterly publication from the Astronomical League.

## PAS Membership Application

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Spouse name

- Check here if you DO NOT want your phone number and/or email and/or address published in the *PAS-Times Newsletter*.

**Forward Application & Dues to:**  
**Pontchartrain Astronomy Society, Inc.**  
**John Scholl, Treasurer**  
**16082 Lake Ramsey Road**  
**Covington, LA 70435**  
**E-Mail: [pastreasurer@pasnola.org](mailto:pastreasurer@pasnola.org)**

**PAS Annual Dues** \$ 40.00

### Optional Items:

**SPMOS Gate and Dorm Key** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This optional \$25 fee entitles you to a gate and dorm key for the SPMOS observing site.

This fee is a one time deposit.

Your payment must

Must be accompanied by a signed liability

Waiver which can be found at:

<http://www.pasnola.org/spmos-observing-site>

### Subscriptions:

#### *Sky & Telescope*

Regular \$42.95/yr

**PAS rate \$32.95/yr**

**or \$62.95/2 yrs**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Astronomy Magazine*

Regular \$42.95/yr

**PAS rate \$34/yr, \$60.00/2yrs.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Subscription to Printed Newsletter:

\$20.00 per Year

Please note: An online Newsletter

Is available each month at no cost.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to the "PAS"**

### How did you learn of the PAS

PAS website

PAS Facebook page

PAS Member

At a star gaze

Previous Member

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES SCHEDULE

**All PAS memberships expire at the end of December, including new memberships received from January thru October.** New memberships received during November and December will expire in December of the following year but you will not be eligible to vote in the current officer elections.

Magazine subscriptions are optional and may be purchased at any time.

**The Treasurer will set up your "Members Only" account on [www.pasnola.org](http://www.pasnola.org). Please enter the User ID and Password you would like to use below (NOTE: User ID and Password are CASE SENSITIVE)**

Login User ID

Password