



BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION

For more than seventy years...
a friendly place for Western New Yorkers
who love the night sky.

The Buffalo Astronomical Association is an organization composed of people from all walks of life who share in common a love for the wonders of the universe. Our goal is the preservation of astronomy on the amateur level and to this end we pledge our talents and resources.



Sidewalk astronomy on Elmwood Avenue

Member interests within our organization vary tremendously. We have telescope designers, telescope makers and telescope users. Members observe visually and image the night sky with pencil and paper, film and digital techniques. We even have armchair astronomers who prefer theory to observation. We have experts and beginners of all ages working together to further our understanding of the universe around us. Members share experience and good fellowship through many and varied activities. Anyone who shares our love for astronomy is welcome to join the BAA.

There are many valuable benefits to membership in the BAA. Our **meetings** are held on the second Friday of each month from September through June, often on the campus of Buffalo State College but also at the Buffalo Museum of Science and at the Williamsville North planetarium. Featured speakers and presentations explore a wide range of astronomical topics. Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings. During July and August, informal weekend **Star Parties** are held at numerous dark sky locations in Western New York. Members are encouraged to bring their telescopes. We are an affiliate organization to the **Buffalo Museum of Science** and our collaboration on museum exhibits and events brings the wonders of astronomy to a diverse city audience. Our bi-monthly newsletter, **the Spectrum** features articles by club members on all topics of astronomy. The **BAA E-Group**, an on-line discussion forum, gives members a casual place to share thoughts, observations, seek a ride to the observatory or catch the latest astronomy news flashes. Information on our events and activities can be followed on the BAA website/ www.buffaloastronomy.com

The BAA maintains an observatory at the Audubon Society's Beaver Meadow Nature Center in North Java and conducts public observing programs at the Buffalo Museum of Science and at other locations around Western New York. **Beaver Meadow Observatory** is open to the public on the first and third Saturdays of each month from April through October, rain or shine. At these **public nights**, BAA members take observatory visitors on a guided tour of the night sky using a collection of telescopes ranging in aperture from 6 to 20 inches. When the weather does not allow observing, presentations and telescope clinics are offered.

Visitors are invited to bring their own instruments to public night. Members are always on hand and happy to share their knowledge and experience.



To reach Beaver Meadow Observatory, take route 400 to East Aurora Rte. 20A Turn left onto 20A and continue 10.8 miles to rte. 77. Turn right on 77 and continue south 6.9 miles to Welch Rd. Turn left onto Welch Rd. The parking lot for Beaver Meadow Nature Center is on your right 1/4 mile down the road. The observatory is the building closest to the parking lot. Remember to dress warmly and watch for deer!

The 20" Obsession at Beaver Meadow is the largest public telescope in WNY



The BAA Observatory is located under the dark rural skies and spectacular scenery of Beaver Meadow Nature Center in North Java, NY

Whether you own a telescope, binoculars, or just love to look up at the night sky the BAA has a universe of experience to offer. To **become a BAA member** complete the membership application below.

name.....

address.....

city.....state.....zip.....

tel/home.....tel/work.....email.....

member dues/ **\$25** individual **\$20** student

\$30 family **\$20** senior (aged 65 and ove)

enclose check made payable to **Buffalo Astronomical Association Inc.** and return to:
BAA Membership · c/o Alan Friedman · 200 Lancaster Ave. · Buffalo, NY 14222

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