



## Aldrich Astronomical Society

“Serving Amateur Astronomy and the Public by sponsoring educational events since 1932”

### Scouts and Schools : Astronomy Programs

The **Aldrich Astronomical Society** has long promoted knowledge about the night sky by offering public outreach events to assist teachers, educators, librarians and scout leaders in developing programs that will stimulate the imaginations of young people about science and especially about Astronomy!

Our programs can be tailor made to suit individual circumstances but we do offer a very simple introductory program for young children and scouts that will start them thinking about myths, story telling, constellations and help them with identification of objects in the night sky from their own backyard! This program can accommodate age ranges from 7 to 90, all we need to know is the age range, the number of children and adults involved in the program and we will work with you to custom design a package that will be sure to capture the attention of all who attend.

Our programs start by never talking down to beginners, we always try to show them that anyone with an interest and willingness to invest some time can acquire skills that will allow them to master the knowledge needed to enjoy and actively participate in witnessing the seasonal events in the night sky. Scouts can especially benefit from our assistance in programs that can help them get acquainted with the night sky to assistance with merit badges and even more extensive scouting achievement awards with a mastery in astronomy and space science.

All our packages come complete with a program that can use slides or PowerPoint images, videos, hands on demonstrations with member telescopes, posters and displays that help make learning fun and help to build confidence as we work with them to develop their viewing skills. Members will provide all handouts for the children or adults in the program and will provide a guided tour of the night sky with the un-aided eye and through small binoculars and telescopes to see those “O, Wow” objects like Saturn, Jupiter and the Moon like you have never seen them before! We can even invite the scouts or teachers and their classroom up to our meeting place at Anna Maria College for a talk and sky viewing under the dark clear skies in Paxton, Massachusetts using our large 15 inch Telescope! And we can even provide mentoring assistance to any group or educator who would like to start their own school or community based Astronomy Club!

For further information or to schedule an event, please contact Jim J. Zebrowski, the Aldrich Astronomical Society Public Relations and Outreach Coordinator to get your event planned. You can contact him at 978-297-3441 during the day or at work during the night time hours after 4PM using a pager, 508-426-4343. Please review our brochures and check out our website for additional information about Astronomy. Our website can be found at [www.aldrichastro.org](http://www.aldrichastro.org)

Thank You!