

About the club:

In addition to activities in the field, the SWFAS, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium. Meeting agendas include discussions of recent sky events and club activities. We frequently invite expert speakers to educate us on a variety of astronomical topics. The club has a library and several telescopes that can be checked out for use by the members. We also have educational training kits from the Night Sky Network that are available for presentations.

Annual dues are \$20. Each month you will receive the newsletter "**The Eyepiece**" which contains useful astronomical and club information. The Astronomical League sends out a quarterly publication "**The Reflector**".

Your dues support:

- club activities
- purchase of club equipment
- "Astronomical League" membership
- www.theeyepiece.org

Membership is open to any person 18 years of age or older. Those under 18 may receive club benefits through an adult member.



Welcome to the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society, Inc.

We were formed in 1980 by local amateur astronomers in Lee County, Florida. SWFAS, Inc. works hand in hand with the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium, Lee County Parks and Recreation, Cape Coral Parks and Recreation, Florida Gulf Coast University, Lee County Library system, schools, scouts, and other civic groups of all ages to meet the thirst for knowledge of the night sky.

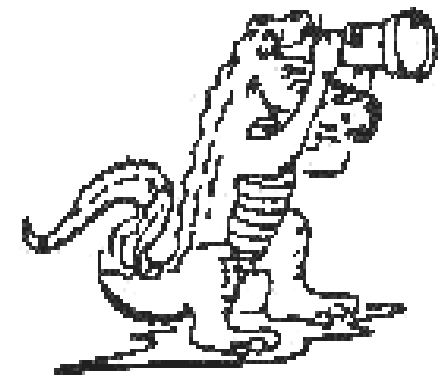
Educating the public remains one of our foremost goals as well as enjoying the company of **like-minded individuals** intent on exploring our universe with a variety of telescopes and digital imaging equipment.

Star parties are held at various times during each month. The Fakahatchee Strand in Naples and the Caloosahatchee Regional Park are wonderful sites for viewing the night skies. You do **NOT** need a telescope for viewing. Someone is always happy to share the view of the night sky with you. See our website for directions to these parks.

The club also holds **special viewing nights** for local schools, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, church groups and other civic groups. If your child's school, church or civic group is interested, please contact any club member or let us know through the website. These viewings are often their first introduction to the wonders of night sky.

Visit our website for information about the sky, upcoming celestial events, astro-photos and club meetings.

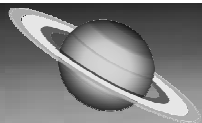
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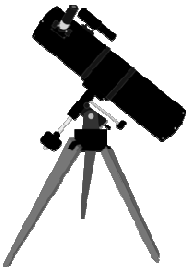
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Directions to the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium

From north or south of Ft. Myers, take I-75 to Exit 136, west on Colonial Boulevard 1/2 mile to the first traffic light. Take a right (north) onto Ortiz Avenue. The Nature Center's entrance is 100 yards down and to the left.

From Ft. Myers Beach or Sanibel Island take Summerlin Road to Gladiolus Drive eastbound. At US41 this becomes Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Continue on it through Colonial Blvd where it becomes Ortiz Avenue. The Nature Center's entrance is 100 yards past Colonial Blvd on the left.

From Cape Coral/Fort Myers/Lehigh take Colonial Blvd towards I-75 and turn north at Ortiz Avenue which is just west of I-75. The Nature Center's entrance is 100 yards down and to the left.



Popular Astronomy Web Links

Night Sky Network
nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov

Astronomical League
www.astroleague.org

Space Place
spaceplace.nasa.gov

NASA
www.nasa.gov

Sky & Telescope Magazine
www.skyandtelescope.com

Astronomy Magazine
www.astronomy.com

Space Weather
www.spaceweather.com

Sky Maps
www.skymaps.com

Heavens Above
www.heavens-above.com

Cloudy Nights
www.cloudynights.com

AstroMart
www.astromart.com

Association of Lunar & Planetary Observers
www.alpo-astronomy.org

American Meteor Society
www.amsmeteors.org

Application for Membership

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please circle:
Do you own a telescope? (owning one is not required) Yes No

If yes, what kind of telescope? _____

Level of Astro knowledge: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Full time Florida resident? Part time Florida resident?