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LGDSO is a Member Society of the Astronomical League and the International Dark-Sky Association

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name Student? (Y/N)

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

e-Mail Returning member? (Y/N)

How did you find out about the Local Group? (Club Member, Bishop Planetarium, Riverview High Planetarium, Sarasota Audubon, State College of Florida, Sky & Telescope or Astronomy magazine, Internet, Local News, Other)

What are your specific interests in astronomy? (Observation with telescopes, binoculars, or naked-eye; astrophotography, telescope-making, lunar, planetary, deep-sky, etc.)

Do you own a telescope? (Y/N) If yes, what kind(s)?

LGDSO schedules monthly dark-sky observing sessions at the Crowley Museum and Nature Center in eastern Sarasota. Here, visual, telescopic, and photographic observations of deep-sky objects are unencumbered by street lights. We request that attendees arriving after dark approach the observing site with parking lights only. No headlights or white-light flashlights. Members and guests may bring their own telescopes, or may observe using equipment set up by other members. (Please ask

first!) Please note that dark-sky observing sites are essentially "wilderness" areas, so please exercise caution regarding the potential for wild animals and unpaved roads, etc. Common sense and responsible conduct enhance everyone's observing experience and therefore is expected of all who attend any LGDSO event. If you have any other questions about LGDSO, please feel free to ask any of the Core Group members listed in the quarterly newsletter.

ANNUAL DUES are \$20.00 for 1 year, \$35.00 for 2 years, or \$50.00 for 3 years. All renewals are due January 1st, however, new memberships that begin after October 1st do not expire until the end of the following calendar year. Benefits of membership include access to dark-sky observing, quarterly newsletter (via e-mail), quarterly meetings and presentations, membership in the Astronomical League, as well as the AL's magazine (the Reflector), and group membership in the International Dark-Sky Association. In order to always have the most up-to-date information regarding events, members are also strongly encouraged to sign up for member access on the club's website Forum.

Select Membership Length:

- 1 year (\$20)
- 2 years (\$35)
- 3 years (\$50)

Please make check payable to: **LGDSO**

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