



What's Up With the Astronomical League April 2008

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JACK HORKHEIMER AWARD DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the 2008 Jack Horkheimer youth service award has been extended until May 10.

The Jack Horkheimer award is presented to any Astronomical League member under age 19 on the date of the application. The award is based upon service to the League, either directly or to any Astronomical League society. Service could be in the form of educational outreach, knowledge and skills at public star parties or other astronomical service.

The Horkheimer Award for Exceptional Service by a Young Astronomer is made possible thanks to the generosity of Mr. Jack Horkheimer, The Star Gazer. The winner receives a check for \$1,000 at our National Convention, ALCon. The award is named in honor of Arthur P. Smith, Jr. Art Smith was president of the Astronomical League from 1964-66, and he inspired Mr. Horkheimer to become active in astronomy.

If you have any young astronomers who have provided service to your society or who are talented observers, please consider sponsoring their application for the award. **An application is included with this edition of "What's Up...". Please mail no later than May 10.**

Upcoming League Deadlines

- Annual League Dues Bills-The annual League dues billing will be mailed to club ALCors in about two weeks. Please return your payment as soon as possible so there is no lapse in membership and your members continue to enjoy League benefits.
- Ballots for the annual officer election and bylaws vote will be mailed around May 1. This year the terms of the President and Vice President expire. The election ballot will list candidates for those two offices. In addition, a ballot for a suggested bylaws change will be included in this second mailing. Please schedule your votes in a timely fashion and return the ballots promptly.

ALCONEXPO 2008: JULY 18-19, 2008

It's only three months until ALConExpo 2008 convenes in Des Moines, Iowa. To register online or to print out your registration form for mailing, please go to http://www.alconexpo.com/4_registrationpage.html.

The convention hotel is the Downtown Marriott. To arrange lodging at that hotel for the special \$99 convention rate, call 1-800-514-1681 and request the "Alcon 2008 room rate" or go online at www.marriott.com. Other lodging options are available in the vicinity of the convention hotel as well.

We hope to see you at ALconExpo 2008!