

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 \$30. Each month you will receive the electronic newsletter "The Eyepiece" which contains useful astronomical and club information.

The Astronomical League provides a quarterly publication "The Reflector".

Your dues support:

- Club activities
- Purchase of club equipment
- "Astronomical League" membership
- <https://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.



<https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/>

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 Southwestern State College, 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. Seahawk Park in Cape Coral and Big Cypress National Park are wonderful sites for viewing the night skies. You do NOT need to bring 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. Public viewings are also held monthly during season at the Punta Gorda FSW campus/Moore Observatory.

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, astrophotos and club meetings.

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Directions to the
Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium
3450 Ortiz Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33905

The Calusa Nature & Planetarium is 1/2 mile from Exit 136 on I-75.

From exit 136, west on Colonial Boulevard 1/2 mile Turn (North) onto Ortiz Avenue. The Nature Center's entrance is 100 yards down and to the left.



Google Maps Link:
<https://goo.gl/maps/GWSevB4a5DAbBfUC8>

Application for Membership

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

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? Date: _____

SWFAS is a volunteer led, non-profit organization. It takes many volunteers to meet our goals of serving outreach to the public as well as providing programs and activities for our members. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers. No job or amount of time given is too small. Would you please consider volunteering and let us know how you might be able to better participate in helping us.

Leadership Team: Officer/Board, Outreach Coordinator, Star Party Coordinator

Social Team: Social Team Director, Social Event Coordinator, Welcome Team, Outreach Team

Program Committee: Program Director, Program Team Member

Astro SIG: Astro SIG Director, Astro SIG Coordinator, Astro SIG Event Coordinator, Astro SIG Programs

Port Charlotte Based Outreach: Observatory Team, Solar Team