



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Student? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

e-mail address _____

How did you find out about the Local Group? (Local Group Member, Bishop Planetarium, Wolf Camera, Manatee Community College, *Sky and Telescope* or *Astronomy* magazine, Internet, Local News, Other)

What are your specific interests in astronomy? (Observing with the naked eye, binoculars or telescopes; telescope making, use of the telescope, lunar, planetary, variable stars, double stars, deep sky observing, digital astronomy (CCD - computers) arm-chair astronomy (reading), or other interests.)

Do you own a telescope? If so, what kind? _____

Do you receive any astronomy related monthly magazine? _____

If so which one(s)? _____

The Local Group of Deep Sky Observers meets monthly, weather permitting, at our local Crowley Nature Center dark sky site. At our site, visual, telescopic, and photographic observations of deep sky objects are unencumbered by street lights. We request that late arriving members and their guests approach the observing site with parking lights only - (No headlights or white-light flashlights). Members and guests are encouraged to bring their own telescopes, and are invited to observe through the available telescopes at the site, (please ask first). Some of the sites the Local Group meets at can be considered wilderness - caution must be exercised, (wild animals and lack of improvements to roads, etc., could create some risk). Common sense and responsible conduct enhance everyone's star party experience and therefore is expected of all who attend Local Group meetings. If you have any other questions about the Local Group, please feel free to ask any of the Core Group members listed in the quarterly newsletter.

Signature

Date

Annual club dues are **\$15.00** per family. Regular benefits of membership include star parties, quarterly library meetings and presentations, astronomy related workshops, the quarterly Local Group newsletter, the quarterly Astronomical League newsletter - the *Reflector*, membership in the Astronomical League - a national coalition of astronomy clubs, group membership in the International Dark-Sky Association, available discounted *Sky & Telescope* and *Astronomy* magazine subscriptions and discounted books and atlases through Sky Publishing and the Astronomical League, and access to many other Local Group activities, special functions, and equipment support, (or perhaps commiseration if you don't ask first!). Please make your check or money order payable to:

The Local Group of Deep Sky Observers
2311 23 Avenue, West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

If you would like to receive *Sky & Telescope* magazine at the discounted group rate please send an additional \$32.95. (The regular rate per year is \$42.95.)