

# Membership Application

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dues must accompany this application:

Adult / Family	\$15.00
Student	\$10.00

Make Checks payable to "Kiski Astronomers"

Discount subscriptions to both Sky and Telescope and Astronomy magazines are available to members.

Membership in Kiski Astronomers includes a membership in Astronomical League, an association of over 240 astronomy clubs across the US, promoting astronomy education and providing incentive certificate programs for observing.

New members may join at a club meeting or send payment to:

Kiski Astronomers  
c/o Ed Kuzemchak  
397 Dairy Farm Rd.  
New Kensington, Pa. 15068

Where to find us!

KISKI AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

250 Hyde Park Road  
Leechburg, PA 15656

1st Thursday of the month  
September thru May

7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.



Interested in joining?

For more information, please contact one of our members listed below:

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# The Kiski Astronomers



... is a small club that enjoys gathering to share the wonders of the night sky. In addition to monthly meetings, many members who have observatories of their own share them with members and visitors by sponsoring "Star Parties".

We have a friendly and personal touch to our astronomy club that makes newcomers feel welcome.

It doesn't matter what background you have in astronomy. You can be someone who just wonders what it's all about or an avid observer. Our club membership is eager to help and guide you as you begin or continue exploring the hobby of astronomy!

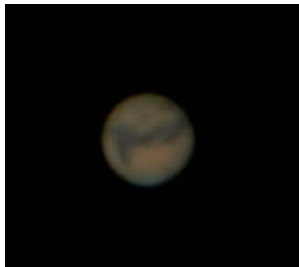
Meetings are the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, September thru May at the Kiski Area High School, Leechburg, Pa. You are welcome to sit in on any meeting!



**Star Parties during the summer months**



**Photo of Mars courtesy of John Labrecque**



*Can you see through the street light's bright glare ?*

*With light pollution still on the rise, viewing the stars and the constellations is becoming more difficult. Many city dwellers have never seen a starry, night sky. As the population spreads into the rural areas, so does the light pollution. Light pollution is all over the world.*



*This composite night time photo taken by the DMSP satellites shows how prevalent light pollution has become.*

*Cities and companies are using harsh and wasteful lighting for decorating and advertising purposes, not taking into consideration the effects on the environment.*

*Light pollution can be reduced if we work to educate the public to make informed choices about outdoor lighting. On the local front, guidelines for local lighting ordinances are being submitted throughout Pennsylvania. For more information check out The International Dark Sky Association at their website: <http://www.darksky.org>.*

## LOOKING FOR A SCOPE ?

*Have you thought about getting a telescope? Here are a few tips that may help you in your search.*

*Decide what you may be interested in observing through a telescope. Some telescopes are better suited for looking at planets while others are better for looking at deep sky objects. Some make a good all around scope. Binoculars are an excellent choice for beginners.*

*Seek out the help from a local astronomy club such as ours. We will be glad to offer information on selecting a telescope. Chances are, most members own more than one, so a variety of models and styles might be available to see and try.*

*Try to attend star parties. Look through as many telescopes as possible and ask lots of questions!*

*To familiarize yourself with different types of telescopes, pick up an issue of Sky and Telescope or Astronomy Magazine and review the ads. If you have internet access, do a search on telescopes and educate yourself on the different types and makes available.*

*Popular discount and department store telescopes are usually of lesser quality and craftsmanship. Look for a reputable dealer with knowledgeable sales people.*

**HAPPY OBSERVING!**