

Cost of Membership

Where to Start

Twin City Amateur Astronomers (TCAA) is an affiliate of the Astronomical League as well as its North Central Region. For more information about the TCAA, be certain to visit the TCAA website at:

<https://www.tcaa.club>

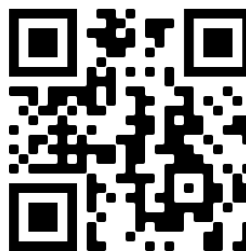


The benefits of membership in the TCAA are substantial. You might ask, "What will this cost me?" Engaging in any hobby requires time, effort, and money. The amount of time, effort, and money you spend is up to you, except for paying membership dues. Dues cost \$48 per adult/family per year, with only \$24 assessed for seniors (> 60) and college students.

You can learn a bit more about the TCAA by visiting and registering on our website (<https://tcaa.club/>) or by contacting Tom Willmitch at the ISU Planetarium (309) 438-2496.

If you have decided to join, here are two ways to do it:

- 1) Start with our website at: <https://tcaa.club/register/> or follow the QR code found below.



Or

- 2) Send your name, contact information, and initial dues payment to our TCAA Treasurer:

David Osenga,
TCAA Treasurer
1109 Linden ST
Normal, IL 61761

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Also, visit the North Central Region of the Astronomical League (NCRAL) website at:

<https://ncral.wordpress.com>

for information about our North Central Region and the status of our regional activities.



Visit Astronomical League at:

<https://www.astronleague.org/>

for more information about the League and its numerous member benefits and observing programs.

***Membership
and
Benefits***



Membership in the **TCAA**

The TCAA is based in the Twin Cities of Bloomington-Normal and has members across McLean County, Illinois. We were founded in 1960. Today, we are a small group of amateur astronomers dedicated to participating in and sharing our love of astronomy. We invite you to join us.

We gather as a group monthly during warmer months at Sugar Grove Nature Center and during colder months somewhere in the Bloomington/Normal community, such as the Illinois State University Planetarium. Otherwise, we meet in small groups to observe using personal equipment or our club's three observatories.

We gather to enjoy the many facets of amateur astronomy – observing, learning, and teaching.

★ **Observing** – Members are frequently out viewing solar system and deep sky objects with unaided eyes, binoculars, and telescopes, and some even photographing what is visible.

★ **Learning** – By working with more experienced members, new members learn to use the club's visual and photographic telescopes. Members also attend viewing sessions and planetarium programs and participate in one-on-one mentoring sessions.

★ **Sharing** – By teaching others, we share what we enjoy. We do this through member education and public outreach. This has beneficial effects on those involved in the educational process.

We invite and encourage new member participation. Not sure what it means to be an amateur astronomer? Then read *TCAA Guide #3 – Astronomy as a Hobby*. Follow this case-sensitive link:

<https://bit.ly/3AhzBWF>

Other Member Benefits

Here are some of the independent opportunities you'll have after joining the TCAA:

- ★ **Viewing** and imaging the heavens using the club's three observatories.
- ★ **Earning** recognition by completing observing and imaging programs.
- ★ **Reading** our award-winning club *OBSERVER* newsletter and *TCAA Guides*.
- ★ **Receiving** benefits from our affiliation with the Astronomical League and its North Central Region.
- ★ **Gaining** satisfaction from being involved in essential efforts with others.

All the above are general membership benefits. Detailed benefits are described in *TCAA Guide #2 – TCAA Membership & Benefits*. Follow this case-sensitive link:

<https://bit.ly/3Ailcsf>