

SoVerA



The Southern Vermont Astronomy Group

Welcome to our astronomy education, research and outreach organization!

SoVerA was created to stimulate inquiry about the universe through gained & shared knowledge, research and appreciation by helping the public at large learn about the nature of the cosmos and how to help gain more information from it. Some of our specific activities include:

E-Mail List: This is SoVerA's nerve center announcing events, astronomical happenings and phenomena. All Members are registered on the List and are kept up to date on all activities. This is your starting point.



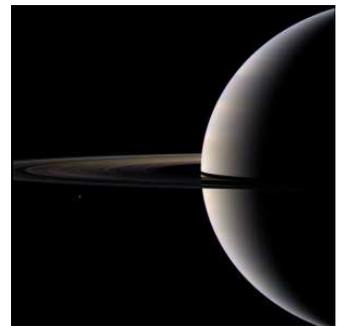
SoVerA Public Presentations: held on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Whiting Library in Chester, VT. At these events speakers from SoVerA and/or outside visiting lecturers, present some aspect of astronomy in a way that is accessible to all. Anyone is welcome, and admission is free. Starting times are: September-May, **7:00PM**; June-August, **8:00PM**.

Star Parties: this is one of our primary activities, when SoVerA Members look out to the very universe discussed in all of our other activities. Occasionally these are open to the public where Members happily show their different types of telescopes and let you look at exotic celestial objects while answering any questions that you may have.



Field trips: Members may participate in local, regional and distant expeditions (which may include some fun science work) and day (or...night) field trips which are more casual, and every bit as educational an adventure.

Seminars: sharing information on observing techniques between Group Members, educators and researchers. These vary from very basic/beginner sessions, to more advanced amateur research procedures and equipment reviews.



“Research Group” Observing Sessions: these are like star parties; open to all SoVerA members, and are usually more technical and event-specific in nature. The Research Group is a sub group within SoVerA that does a bit more technical observing and recording of phenomena for scientific contribution. Beginners are **very** welcome!



Membership in SoVerA includes the above, discounted field trips, special events, being linked via the Internet to our astronomy List, and provides access to a range of resources for learning and doing astronomy. Our various dues levels (cheap!) will commence 1 January, 2010. ***We'd be an even better organization if you joined us.*** Think on it a bit.

If you have an interest in participating on any of our Committees or on special projects, research, field trips, education, etc., let us know, and we'd be happy to talk with you!



SoVerA has been selected by NASA to be a member of the Night Sky Network, a nationwide coalition of amateur astronomy societies committed to sharing the realm of astronomy with their local communities.

For more information about all of the above, and if you decide you want to join SoVerA...:
www.sovera.org

Or call **802 875 6464**

...meanwhile, on occasion, just look up and take in the sky...