



Education Programs

Astronomical Society of the Pacific



The Networks and Services of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific

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Founded in 1889, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) is an international organization dedicated to advancing science literacy through engagement in astronomy. Its programs, many with sponsorship from the National Science Foundation, NASA, and astronomical institutions around the world, are particularly designed to assist those who work to improve the public understanding of science. In recent years, the ASP has been expanding the impact of its diverse projects through a variety of networks and services:

NETWORKS

1. The **Night Sky Network** (an organization of 200+ astronomy clubs engaged in outreach, which receive training and kits of materials through the ASP, with support and infra-structure from JPL's Navigator Program and several other NASA projects)
2. The **Project ASTRO/Family ASTRO Network** (13 regional sites for training educators and professional and amateur astronomers to work together in classrooms and on family events; each astronomer adopts a 4th–9th grade class for a year; thousands of astronomers and teachers have been trained since 1994).
3. The **Astronomy from the Ground Up Network** (an expanding group of smaller museums and nature centers whose staff are being trained to do more astronomy)
4. The **College Astronomy Instructors** (an informal listing of more than 1,200 instructors who teach introductory astronomy in 2- and 4-year colleges, some of whom meet every three years at “Cosmos in the Classroom” conferences)
5. The **ASP's EPO Conference Participants** (an informal group of people who do education and outreach in astronomy and space science. The ASP has been organizing symposia for these professionals at its recent international meetings)

SERVICES

6. The **Universe in the Classroom** (a quarterly electronic newsletter for educators in grades 3–12 who teach astronomy; 3000 active subscribers and greater distribution through the web and through translation)
7. The **ASP AstroShop**, a nonprofit, online distribution service for educational resources in astronomy and space science
8. The **ASP Membership** (in all 50 U.S. states and more than 40 other countries) who receive *Mercury* magazine on line and regular updates from the Society.

We invite you to partner with the ASP's network and services as you develop programs in astronomy and space science education and outreach. See the web site for more information or contact the Society's Manager of Educational Programs, Suzanne Gurton, at: sgurton@astrosociety.org