

## **The Big Sky Astronomy Club Invites You To Share In Our Love Of The Night Sky**

*Humankind has retained a persistent fascination with the night sky for tens of thousands of years. Primitive paintings that depict astronomical events such as eclipses and the passing of bright comets adorn the walls of caves around the world. Today, professional astronomers using massive telescopes, both on Earth and in space, are slowly unraveling the mysteries of the cosmos.*

*Members of The Big Sky Astronomy Club share the same passion for the wonders of the night sky as our professional counterparts. Our equipment may be comparatively small, but our enthusiasm is unmatched. Come “Discover the Universe” with the Big Sky Astronomy Club!*



Galaxy M101

Credit: BSAC Club Member Zac Dawson

### **Big Sky Astronomy Club**

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### **Information Brochure and Membership Application**



Preparing for a Logan Pass Star Party  
Glacier National Park

Credit: BSAC Club Member Andy Tegoli

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## The Big Sky Astronomy Club

The Big Sky Astronomy Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, consisting of over two dozen dedicated amateur astronomers located in the beautiful Flathead Valley of Northwest Montana.

Our members come from as far away as Rollins to the south and Eureka up north. Individual interests are as varied as the wonders of the night sky itself and include telescope making, astrophotography and even radio astronomy.

We are very active in our public outreach endeavors. Our activities include: hosting or co-hosting summer star parties, participating in public informational events such as Space Day and Astronomy Day, offering public PowerPoint presentations on various topics of astronomy and promoting the wise use of nighttime illumination in an effort to preserve our dark skies. Our club is also investigating the possibility of constructing a permanent observatory at a nearby dark sky site.

Our club is open to the public and we sincerely encourage you to visit one of our meetings. A vast knowledge of the science of Astronomy is definitely not a prerequisite for membership—a simple interest in looking at the marvels of the night sky is all that's needed.

Check our website at [www.bigskyastroclub.org](http://www.bigskyastroclub.org) for the latest club news and announcements of upcoming star parties and for a current schedule of our monthly meetings.

### BSAC Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held monthly on the Friday nearest the New Moon. This schedule allows us the opportunity to do some observing as a group following the meeting (if the weather cooperates, that is!) Please visit the club's website for the current year's meeting schedule.

### MEETING LOCATION:

Meetings are held at the West Valley Fire Department at 7 PM. Observing will be held following the meeting, weather permitting.

### DIRECTIONS:

The WVFD is located at 2412 Farm-To-Market Road, ¼ mile north of West Valley School. From Kalispell take 3 Mile Drive (which turns into Farm-To-Market) 6.25 miles. From the north valley, take Highway 93 south to West Reserve Drive, then west 4 miles to Farm-To-Market, then north ¼ mile. The fire station is on the west side of the road. Feel free to park anywhere except in front of the fire station's overhead doors.



The Whirlpool Galaxy

Image Credit: BSAC Club Member Zac Dawson

### Membership Application

Sign up as a:	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member	\$ 36.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$ 48.00
	Total: _____

Family Member Names \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Area(s) Of Interest

- Lunar and Planetary Observing
- Deep Sky
- Variable Stars
- Meteor Observing
- Comets and Comet Hunting
- Astrophotography (Film, Video or CCD)
- Radio Astronomy

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Type of telescope owned (if any).



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