



The 2002 Convention:

The Christian Association of Stellar Explorers (CASE) is proud to announce the Annual Convention of the Mid States Region of the Astronomical League on June 7, 8 and 9, 2002 on the campus of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Keynote Speaker:

MSRAL 2002 is proud to welcome Dr. Derek Sears of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Center for Space and Planetary Sciences as our keynote speaker at dinner on Saturday. Dr. Sears will be speaking on "Hera and Andromeda: New Insights Into the Formation and Evolution of the Solar System." Dr. Sears is also a professor in the Cosmochemistry Group at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and is the Editor of the journal Meteoritics and Planetary Science, Journal of the Meteoritical Society, and Director of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Center for Space and Planetary Science.

Programs and Events:

There will be numerous papers presented at this year's convention on topics including Youth in Astronomy and a special presentation by the International Dark Sky Association.

Attendees are also invited to a BBQ dinner at the newly built CASE Observatory, which is located only 5 miles from the convention site, on the property of New Life Ranch. In addition to the good food, fun and fellowship, there will be plenty of time for observing at the Observatory and it's dark site. Since this convention coincides with the new moon, be sure to bring your scopes! We will have open observing sessions on both evenings.

There will be plenty of door prizes available for those in attendance from vendors all over the nation.

A banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 8th where awards and door prizes will be presented. The guest speaker should be very informative.

Be sure to bring your astrophotography! We are looking forward to the astrophoto contest. This is a great opportunity to show your talents to the region. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Deep Space, Star Fields, Planets and Lunar, and other astronomy phenomena.

Accommodations:

Meetings and vendor displays will be located in the Walker Student Center on the campus of John Brown University. Saturday breakfast and lunch will be served in the campus cafeteria, located only a few steps from the student center. Housing will be held in the newly constructed student center's residence hall rooms. This is an excellent facility, not like the dorm rooms you may remember from college. Each room is air-conditioned and heated, has two beds, and rooms are connected through a single bathroom. We request that participants bring their own linens and pillows.

If you do not plan to stay on campus there are other hotels in the area, near to the campus:

Holiday Inn Express: (501) 524-8080
 Super 8 Motel: (501) 524-8898

Please remember that John Brown University, New Life Ranch, and all facilities are non-smoking, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. People wishing to fly into the convention can use the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA), which houses many major air carriers.

Local Attractions:

Northwest Arkansas is a beautiful part of the state. Take some time to see the Wal*Mart museum located 30-45 minutes away in Bentonville, or visit Devil's Den State Park which is located within a 40 minute drive off of I-540.

Call for Papers:

Convention papers and presentations are scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. The approximate time for papers is 30 minutes, and all attendees are encouraged to present papers on any topic they feel would be appropriate and interesting for the astronomical community. Please submit a brief synopsis of your talk and send it to:

Patrick Carr
 1005 Hunter Ridge
 Siloam Springs, AR 72761
 Email: thecarrs@tcac.net

Other Information:

As always, be sure to bring your surplus astronomical items for our swap meet! There will be plenty of free tables for you to set up and swap your wares. Also, we have invited several vendors to set up for sales, and we will have a table from the IDA and the AL!

See our webpage at:
www.christian-astronomy.org/msralconvention.html

Or contact:
 Michael Peterson, convention registrar
 (501) 524-7167; mpeterso@jbu.edu

or

Patrick Carr, convention chairman
 (501) 524-7211 (before 5:00 p.m.) or
 (501) 524-0322 any other time;
 thecarrs@tcac.net



Registration Information:

Name _____

Company/Club Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Registration Fees:

	NUMBER	X FEE	= TOTAL
First Person		\$25.00 Each	\$
Additional Persons		\$20.00 Each	\$

Residence Hall Fees:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE	X FEE	X NUMBER OF NIGHTS	= TOTAL
	\$19.00 per person		\$

Meals:

NUMBER	X FEE	= TOTAL
	\$11.00 per person	\$

Additional Items:

NUMBER	X FEE	= TOTAL
	\$10.00 BBQ Dinner	\$
	\$14.00 Saturday Night Banquet	\$
	\$8.00 Convention Photo	\$
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Grand Total:

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

Send registration form and check (made out to MSRAL Convention) to:

MSRAL Convention
 Attn: Mike Peterson
 1005 Hunter Ridge
 Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Further information will be mailed to you with your registration package.

*For more information call:
 Patrick Carr - (501) 524-7211 Day (501)524-0322 Evenings
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