

## Leander McCormick Observatory

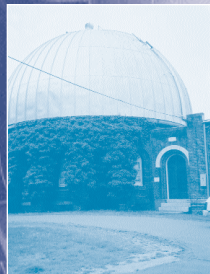
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## Friends of the McCormick Observatory

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- ... help the Observatory to expand its educational and outreach programs
- ... help the Observatory remain available to all residents and visitors for years to come
- ... receive special benefits and recognition





## Your Membership Supports Our Mission

**Education and public outreach.** The Leander McCormick Observatory has been offering education and public outreach programs to Virginians since its dedication in 1885. Visitors have twice viewed Halley's Comet at the public night program (in 1910 and 1985-86). On October 31, 1938, the night after Orson Welles' infamous dramatization of *War of the Worlds*, seventy-five students and residents of Central Virginia observed Mars through the 26-inch telescope to allay their fears of a Martian invasion. This year, over 4000 visitors, including over 2000 local school children, will attend education and public outreach programs at McCormick Observatory.

**Visitation and public nights.** In addition to conducting research in many areas of astronomy and astrophysics, the Department of Astronomy is committed to educating students, their teachers, and the general public about astronomy, space science, and the history of science. The Observatory hosts evening and daytime visits by local school children and educational groups, conducts teacher professional development workshops, offers introductory astronomy classes to the community, and opens the Observatory to the general public on the first and third Friday of every month.

**Friends of the McCormick Observatory.** By joining the *Friends of McCormick Observatory*, a non-profit membership organization established to promote and support the education and public outreach activities in the Department of Astronomy, you will:

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## Membership Benefits

Questions? Call 434.924-7494.

### Basic Individual Member \$35

- ★ Complimentary invitations to McCormick Observatory members-only public nights.
- ★ Complimentary invitations to members-only lectures, receptions, and exhibit previews.
- ★ Guaranteed admission to the April and October Fan Mountain public nights.
- ★ Monthly e-mail newsletter

### Dual/Family \$60

- ★ Basic membership for two adults and children under age 18.

### Stone Fellow \$100

- ★ Same benefits as dual/family membership plus
- ★ Invitation to special members evening at Fan Mountain Observatory.
- ★ Priority registration for astronomy classes through the University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

### Mitchell Contributor \$250

- ★ All of the above benefits plus
- ★ Getting started in astronomy kit and astronomical calendars
- ★ Recognition in the Observatory's newsletter and annual report.

### Alden Benefactor \$500

- ★ All of the above benefits plus
- ★ Complimentary Fellow membership to give as a gift
- ★ Rental privilege for hosting a private event at the Observatory at no charge (charges for security and catering apply and are not discounted through the Observatory).

### Fredrick Associate \$1000

- ★ All of the above benefits plus
- ★ One scheduled private viewing session at the historic McCormick Observatory.

### McCormick Trustee \$2500

- ★ All of the above benefits plus
- ★ Recognition on a plaque at McCormick Observatory
- ★ One evening observing session with a UVA Astronomer at Fan Mountain Observatory
- ★ Membership in the Rotunda Society of the UVA.



## Membership Application

### Membership status

- New member
- Renewal
- Gift membership

### Membership level\*

- Basic individual ..... \$35
- Dual/Family ..... \$60
- Stone Fellow ..... \$100
- Mitchell Contributor .. \$250
- Alden Benefactor ..... \$500
- Frederick Associate .. \$1000
- McCormick Trustee .. \$2500

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Membership

Please send a membership on my behalf to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership level \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment information

- Check
- Visa
- Mastercard

Account number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

\* Corporate Matching Gifts can significantly upgrade your current membership. Please contact your personnel office for the appropriate matching gift forms.