



# San Antonio League of Sidewalk Astronomers

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Our next meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at [The Radius Center](#), 106 Auditorium Circle, San Antonio, Texas 78205. There are usually light refreshments which we provide. So bring something with you! Bryan Tobias will give a short talk on the latest findings in the structure of the Milky Way Galaxy called “The Bones of the Milky Way.” You could think of *these* meetings as our cerebral forum!

**P.S.** Bryan will have a huge announcement to make to our group, so be there!

When we take out our scopes, many times we get in the habit of looking at the same things over and over again, which will ultimately become boring. Or we get frustrated because we do not know what else to look for. Want to explore the sky. See new and unusual objects?

There is an easily accessible resource that will help you expand your viewing Horizons — the Astronomical League. <https://www.astroleague.org/>.



The Astronomical League provides over 60 observing programs. There are programs for beginners through the advanced level. There are programs that can be done in the city, or not so perfect viewing conditions, and also those that require dark skies. Some are for telescopes, some for binoculars, some for naked eyes, and some a combination of two or more of these tools.

Why utilize these programs? Do you want to look for objects you have not seen before? Explore new areas of astronomy? Experience the excitement of finding really cool things? You can use the programs as a guide to learn the sky better and, as a result, see many wonders you never knew were there.

SALSA’s Astronomical League Coordinator is Richard Karohl. Bryan Tobias is the Board Secretary for the league and also the Program Chairman for the Solar System Program. I am the Program Chairman for the Lunar Program. Let any of us know if you have any questions — or even better, explore the Astronomical League website.

*-Nina Chevalier*

## McAllister Park

**NOTE:** We will be returning to Astronomy in the Park (AITP) on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. We meet at the field in front of the Dog Park. There are signs directing you to the dog park, but it is closer to the Wurzbach Parkway entrance/exit. If need be, I can be reached at (210) 837-1597. I will be there early before sunset to see about space and hope to see many of you out there too! You can think of *these* meetings as our study group, lab, or workshop. Don’t forget to bring the bug spray. *-Yolanda O. Reyes*

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Last Quarter: Sep 2



New Moon: Sep 9



First Quarter: Sep 16



Full Moon: Sep 25



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Main Web Page: <http://salsa-astro.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/San-Antonio-League-of-Sidewalk-Astronomers-221942041183729/>

## ASTRONOMY EVENTS FOR THE FALL OF 2018 AT UTSA

### First Friday Stargazing

September 7th  
October 5th  
November 2nd  
December 7th

### Friday Nights, Celestial Lights

September 21st  
October 19th  
November 16th

Go to:  
[www.astronomy.utsa.edu](http://www.astronomy.utsa.edu)  
for more details

## Mark Your Calendars

**September 5, 2018:** Sunset, Astronomy in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**September 7, 2018:** Sunset, First Friday Stargazing, UTSA, Curtis Vaughn Observatory

**September 8, 2018:** SALSA Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. [Radius Center](#) Downtown SAT

**September 12, 2018:** Sunset, Astronomy in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**September 19, 2018:** Sunset, Astronomy in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**September 21, 2018:** Friday Nights, Celestial Lights, 7:30 p.m. UTSA, Curtis Vaughn Observatory

**September 26, 2018:** Sunset, Astronomy in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

## WATER ON MARS

and Other Red Planet Updates

September 21st @ 7:30 PM  
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Friday Nights, Celestial Lights  
UTSA Dept. of Physics and Astronomy  
[WWW.ASTRONOMY.UTSA](http://WWW.ASTRONOMY.UTSA)

Did you know that there are pins and certificates to be earned and available for different observing tasks from the lists in the Astronomical League website?

Go [here](#) to see what is available.



If you have any news or something you would like to include in this newsletter, please contact/text me, Yolanda O. Reyes (210) 837-1597.