

Membership Policy for Cedar-Astronomers Yahoo! Group

General

- 1) The Cedar-Astronomers Yahoo! Group ("the Group") is owned by the Cedar Amateur Astronomers ("CAA"), and the executive board of the CAA will have final authority in all matters relating to the Group and its usage. The Group has List Owners and List Moderators who are responsible for managing the operation of the Group on behalf of the CAA.
- 2) CAA allows anyone to request membership in the Group, and memberships are approved by the List Owners. All new members will be moderated initially. This means that a message sent to the Group by a new member will not be posted until a list moderator has reviewed the message and determined that it is appropriate for posting.
- 3) The current version of this document will be automatically sent to all new Group members.
- 4) The main purpose of the Group is to facilitate discussions about astronomy in general, and the business and purposes of the CAA in particular. If you are not familiar with the CAA, more information can be found at <http://www.cedar-astronomers.org>.

Acceptable Usage Guidelines

- 1) When posting messages to the Group, please keep the following Acceptable Usage Guidelines in mind.
 - a) All messages should deal with subjects of interest to CAA members. Examples of topics that are always acceptable include general astronomy topics and topics related to the business and purposes of the CAA.
 - b) Spam will not be tolerated. Anyone spamming the Group will have their email address banned from the Group.
 - c) Attachments to messages posted to the Group are allowed but not encouraged. Rather than posting messages with attachments, it is always preferred to put the attachment elsewhere on the Web and then to include the URL (Web address) of the attachment in the message. This is beneficial to Group members in two ways:
 - i) Some Group members have small storage quotas on their mail server. Posting URLs instead of including attachments will help these members stay within their email storage quota limits.
 - ii) The Group Web site, located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cedar-astronomers>, posts archived messages for the Group, but these messages do not include attachments. This means that in the group archives, URLs are useful but attachments are not.
 - d) When attachments must be used, please make them as small as possible. Two polls of Group members were conducted to determine what size limit for attachments would be acceptable to most Group members. Based on the results of this poll, we ask that you keep attachments under 50K in size when possible, and under 100K at all times.
 - e) If you have astrophotographs you would like club members to view, they can be posted at either the CAA Web site or the Group's Web site. If you do not know how to do this, contact the List Owners at cedar-astronomers-owner@yahogroups.com. We ask that astrophotographs not be posted to the Group directly unless they are within the suggested size guidelines for attachments, as stated above.
 - f) Group members must abide by all terms stipulated by Yahoo! itself, including the Yahoo!

Group Guidelines (currently posted at <http://groups.yahoo.com/local/guidelines.html>) and the Terms of Service (currently posted at <http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/>).

- 2) Group members who do not follow these Acceptable Usage Guidelines may have their Group membership placed back into moderated mode. Posts from a member who is in moderated mode will be treated the same as posts from a new member, as explained in the General section of this document.
- 3) Group members who repeatedly or intentionally violate these Acceptable Usage Guidelines may be asked to leave the group, or may have their email address banned from the group.

Questions

- 1) Questions about the Group may be directed to the list owner for the Group by emailing cedar-astronomers-owner@yahogroups.com.

Revisions

- 1) The executive board of the CAA reserves the right to revise this policy at any time.

This document is available online at http://www.cedar-astronomers.org/files/caa_yahoo_group_policy.pdf