

Astronomy's 2009 Astroimaging Contest

Enter your best shot to win these great prizes

If you love imaging celestial objects, *Astronomy* magazine is giving you the chance to show off your work in the 2009 *Astronomy* Astroimaging Contest.

The competition offers three categories: Deep-sky, Solar system, and General. In addition to these winners, we'll choose one image as the grand prize winner — the best of the best.

See below for a list of the great prizes we rounded up to encourage participation.

We'll showcase all the winners in our September issue. So open up your star atlas, cool down your scope, and target your favorite sky treat.

Please submit digital images online to photocontest@astronomy.com.

You can also send digital images on a CD or DVD to:
Astronomy Photo Contest
P.O. Box 1612
Waukesha, WI 53187-1612



The deadline to submit images is April 15, 2009

Contest rules

- The image must feature an astronomical subject in one of the three categories: Deep-Sky, Solar System, or General.
- One entry per contestant.
- Composite images (those made from multiple exposures) are allowed.
- Please include a description of the subject featured, the name and address of the imager, equipment used, and exposure time(s).
- All images must be submitted by April 15, 2009.
- No images/disks will be returned.
- If *Astronomy* selects non-winning images for publication, we will pay submitters at normal rates.
- Judging will be conducted by the *Astronomy* staff.
- Kalmbach Publishing Co., Rancho Hidalgo, and Arizona Sky Village employees and their families are not eligible to enter this contest.
- Cash payout will be awarded following the completion of your stay at Rancho Hidalgo/Arizona Sky Village. Travel arrangements to and from Rancho Hidalgo are the responsibility of the grand-prize winner, who will need to arrange a time with the Rancho Hidalgo staff.

Grand prize — An astronomical getaway!

A 5-night stay at Arizona Sky Village in Portal, Arizona, or Rancho Hidalgo Astronomy Village in Animas, New Mexico (worth \$3,500), plus \$1,000 to cover airfare, car-rental, and food.

Bring your own equipment, or observe through the facility's 30-inch Dobsonian-mounted Starmaster telescope with full g0-to capability. For more information on Arizona Sky Village, go to www.ArizonaSkyVillage.com. For more information on Rancho Hidalgo, go to www.Hidalgonm.com.



Category prizes

Solar system: A mounted 1.25" Hydrogen-alpha filter from Astrodon Filters worth \$275.



General: A 13mm Ethos eyepiece from Tele Vue Optics worth \$620.



Deep sky: A set of 4 nebula filters (Deep-Sky, UHC, OIII, and H-beta) from Lumicon worth \$400.

