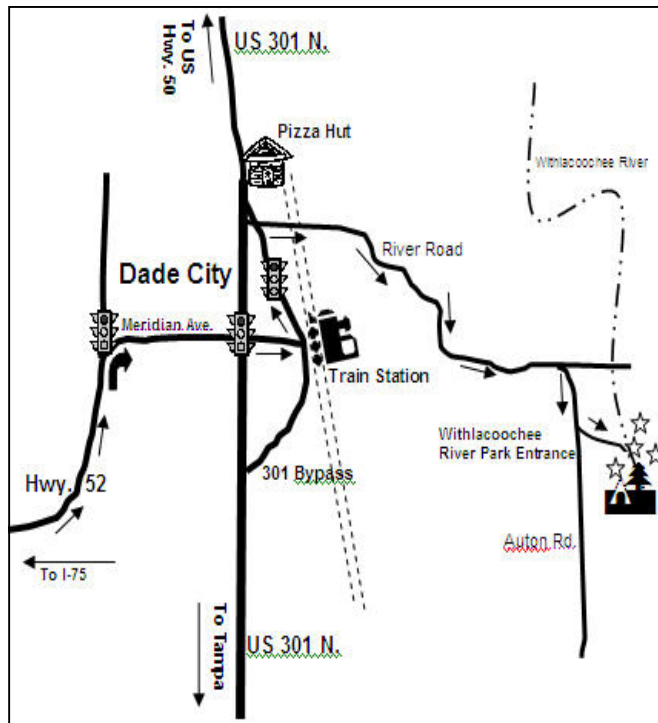


## Withlacoochee River County Park Observing Site



The Club usually meets the Saturday nearest the new Moon on the activity field at the park.

SPAC camping fees at Withlacoochee are as follows:

\$15.00/campsite/telescope, if using electricity,

\$5.00 if not using electricity.

The park closes at dusk so make arrangements to arrive before that time. Fees will be collected on the field. There are restrooms some distance away but the club furnishes a portable unit and shower on the field.



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### ST. PETERSBURG ASTRONOMY CLUB—MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

To join or renew your membership, complete and return the following form with your payment (checks should be made payable to SPAC, Inc.) to Jim Hunter-Treasurer, 17316 Oak Ledge Drive, Lutz, FL 33549. Telephone number (813) 909-7013.

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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP: ☐ \$ 20.00/YR. Includes the "SPACE" Newsletter, and the individual is entitled to all the rights and privileges (activities, voting, office holding, etc.)

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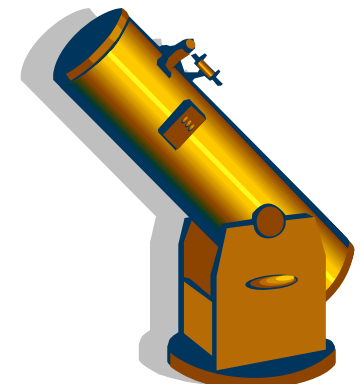
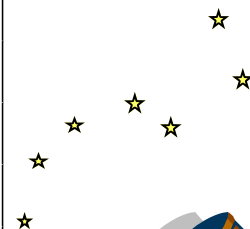
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The St. Petersburg Astronomy Club is the oldest and largest astronomical organization in the south-eastern United States. SPAC, Inc. is dedicated to promoting the science of astronomy and the education of the public and has been meeting continuously since 1927. In 1979, SPAC, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit, tax-deductible organization.

The club meets on the 4th Friday of each month (3rd Friday in November and December) at 8:00 pm at the Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL (just west of Tyrone Square Mall).



The Science Center of Pinellas County

In addition to the monthly meetings held at the Science Center, other club activities include monthly sidewalk astronomy sessions in Gulfport at Beach Blvd. and 31st Ave. S.; monthly star parties at Withlacoochee River County Park, SE of Dade City, FL (on the Saturday nearest the new moon); and a fully operational mirror grinding lab at the Science Center where you can build your own telescope.

The highlight of the year is the annual OBS Star Party where astronomers from all over the world gather for four nights of unforgettable stargazing.



## Mirror Lab Graduates With Their Telescopes.

Every Saturday the club sponsors a telescope mirror grinding lab in the annex behind the Science Center from Noon to 4:00pm. More than 50 Newtonian telescope mirrors have been completed at the lab. The lab features a robotic Foucault tester and offers laser interferometer testing. Visitors are welcome to stop by and see how an excellent optical mirror is made and how you can make one yourself. The Mirror Lab's web site is <http://www.TelescopeLab.com>.



Mirror Grinding

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## Public Astronomy Sessions -

In fulfilling the goal of promoting the Science of Astronomy to the public, SPAC members frequently give astronomy-related talks to groups ranging from the Cub Scouts to visitors of the Florida International Museum, in addition to the monthly sidewalk astronomy sessions. Whether



you are a seasoned astronomer, or just have a curiosity about what's up "there", the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club will help you enjoy and appreciate the night sky.



The St. Petersburg Astronomy Club offers its members access to an extensive library of books and tapes covering astronomy, telescope building, astrophysics, and related topics. Our librarian, Ralph Craig, will be glad to help you if you need assistance. Please abide by the posted rules and guidelines. For a list of what the library offers, go to the web at:

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