



**Project
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NEW MEXICO**

Project Astro-NM

Astronomers and Teachers as Partners in Learning

The New Mexico Museum of Space History, National Solar Observatory, New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy, and White Sands National Monument are members of a Consortium partnered to bring Project ASTRO-NM to you. The program is a national effort to pair a classroom teacher in grades 4-9, with a professional, amateur, or graduate student astronomer. The teachers and astronomers are trained together at an annual workshop usually held at the National Solar Observatory near Cloudcroft, NM. Participants commit to attending the workshop, and working together in the classroom at least four times during the school year. The ultimate goal of Project ASTRO-NM is to use these partnerships to demonstrate the excitement and wonder of astronomy and to inspire and encourage young people to appreciate the scientific method and fascination of astronomy throughout their lives. It is this partnership of classroom teacher and astronomer expertise that makes Project ASTRO-NM such a powerful vehicle for getting students interested in science.

Teachers are required to:

- Attend the two-day training workshop
- Be willing to develop a relationship with your astronomer partner that will benefit the students in your classroom
- Arrange visits, and assist with programs and presentations with your partner astronomer
- Aid the Project ASTRO-NM staff in the evaluation of the program

Criteria considered in the selection of teachers:

- Only 20 partnerships per year
- Written teacher application form
- Commitment to work as a partner
- Willingness to learn hands-on activities
- Demonstrated availability of time to carry out the training and integrate Project ASTRO into your curriculum
- Recommendation letter from your school administrator

Astronomer partners are required to:

- Attend the two-day training workshop
- Be willing to develop a relationship with your teacher partner that will benefit his/her students
- Aid the Project ASTRO-NM staff in the evaluation of the program

Criteria considered in the selection of astronomers:

- Written astronomer application form
- Commitment to work as a partner
- Willingness to learn hands-on activities
- Demonstrated availability of time to visit the classroom a minimum of four times in a semester

To apply, complete the appropriate application and return to:

**The New Mexico Museum of Space History, Education Department
P.O. Box 5430
Alamogordo, NM 88310**

For more information contact the Education Department at 1-877-333-6589 (toll-free) or by e-mail Leah.Tooney@state.nm.us