



Little Colorado River Valley Astronomy Club

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Keep Looking Up!

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Dear Future Patron,

Congratulations! We are formally inviting you to join us as a sponsor for our Second Annual Astro Pageant presented by the Little Colorado River Valley Astronomy Club (LCRVAC) and hosted by Winslow High School. We are excited to have you!

What is an Astro Pageant, you might ask? Well, first let me tell you a little bit about the LCRVAC.

Little Colorado River Valley Astronomy Club is a charitable non-profit 501c3 organization located in Winslow, Arizona, originally established in 2016 to provide science and astronomy enrichment through public outreach with educational presentations and events at the Winslow Homolovi Observatory. We assist with the park's monthly public night sky outreach events held from April thru November. LCRVAC continues to expand the observatory and build a science center for the community.

About the Event

The Astro Pageant is split into two grade ranges, 1st through 6th grade and 7th through 12th grade. This application is due on March 1st. Once an application has been turned in they will be considered officially registered as a contestant,

Starting on March 1st contestants will have **three primary tasks** to complete: A grade appropriate science project, a fashionably fun Spacesuit, and finally a judges interview.

Task One: Science Project

Contestants may choose any subject matter for their science project. The goal of the science project is to introduce and familiarize the student with the scientific method. The science project will be presented to a panel of judges and Astro Fest attendees. The presentation can include a 2-3 min video, digital presentation, poster board with images, stickers, drawings, and/or a small scale model. Contestants will have 3-5 minutes to present the results of their project and the conclusion of their findings. Contestants may conduct their project with the help of an adult or teacher etc., at home or school, etc. but it must be conducted before the day of the pageant and be presented on May 1st.

Task Two: Spacesuit

Contestants will also need to engineer a Spacesuit within the timeframe after the application submission on March 1st until April 30th. Contestants have creative freedom to design this suit anyway they like. They may utilize any available material, but we strongly encourage reusing and recycling existing materials (plastic bottles, cardboard, cans, fabrics, etc). Contestants will wear and present their designs to the judges during the second round. They will have 3-5 mins to display their pieces. Contestants will need to explain their designs and how each piece would help them survive in space. Contestants may create their design with the help of an adult or teacher etc., at home or school, etc. but it must be completed before the Astro Pageant and ready to present it on May 2nd, the second day of the Pageant.

Task Three: Interview

For the final round, each contestant will be interviewed by the judges. This will take place on the second day of the Astro Pageant, on May 2nd. Each Contestant will be given 5 minutes for their interview. They should be prepared to introduce themselves and then answer questions pertaining to what they learned about their science projects and how they can apply what they learned to the real world.

Rehearsal

A rehearsal will be conducted on April 30th for just students, parents/guardians and/or teachers. No judges will be present.

Sponsorships

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Other Options

If sponsoring is a little over your budget, we also accept gift cards, admission tickets, gift bags, merchandise, etc. No donation is too small. So on behalf of the LCRVA Club, we would like to thank you for your consideration for donating to this event. We hope to hear from you soon. Please feel free to contact me at (928)-225-1567, if you have any questions or concerns.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Alien,

Cheri Sahmie

Community Outreach Coordinator, LCRVAC

Yes, I want to donate! Checks can be made out to LCRVAC

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Date _____

Thank you for donating to the 2nd Annual Astro Pageant of 2026! Shine bright stardust!