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# NOVAC outreach survey

by Bob Traube

This year the NOVAC Outreach program is reaching out to you, its members, to help bring astronomy to our communities. Our goal is to match the "willing" with the "wanting." We want to match the members who are willing to help with specific types of activities with the groups wanting that type of NOVAC support.

To find out who you are and how you want to help, we have prepared a survey for each of you to complete and return to us. The survey lists most of the types of activities that we support throughout the year. All you have to do is mark the box that corresponds to an activity that interests you. When an activity like that is requested, we will ask you if you want to participate.

How about an example: Let's say you told us in your survey that you lived at zip code 20812 and that you would be willing to give a talk on astronomy, in the evening, to adult community centers, high school students, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts. When Troop XYZ contacts us for an evening talk in Bethesda (zip code 20810), we will call you and ask if you are available. You can use one of the prepared presentations (currently under construction) or you can draw from these presentations, your expertise, and other materials to create your own talk.

Ideally we will urge the groups asking for support to attend one of our Monthly Observing Sessions, but even then, it would be nice to have a specific point of contact for the group.

Here's all you have to do:

### 1. Get a copy of the NOVAC Outreach Information Sheet.

You can get one from any of the following:

- Page 3 of this newsletter
- The NOVAC website
- The membership package
- The NOVAC mail list
- Call or send an e-mail request to [trauber@aol.com](mailto:trauber@aol.com) and Bob Traube will send you one right out.

### 2. Fill out the survey and tell us how you would like to help throughout the year. Be sure to include your zip code.

### 3. E-mail it back to Bob Traube ([trauber@aol.com](mailto:trauber@aol.com)). If you can't e-mail it, call Bob at 703-492-1894 and he will give

### you the snail mail address to use.

That's it. After that, we will enter your information into the outreach database and call you when something interesting comes up. To keep this from becoming a burden on anyone and to give as many of you as possible the opportunity to participate, we will spread the calls around as much as possible. But first we need to know who wants to help!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the outreach committee members.

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Thanks, and see you out there . . . ★

## Survey instructions

Thank you for offering to share your time, talents, and knowledge with the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC) and with the communities we serve. If you have any questions about this information sheet, or if you would like to volunteer in the future, please contact one of the following NOVAC Outreach Coordinator Committee Members, listed above.

Please fill in the information on page 3 and check *all* areas for which you would like to volunteer. Then mail the survey to Bob Traube at 12159 Pine-needle Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Or you can fill out the survey online at the NOVAC website ([www.novac.com](http://www.novac.com)) and submit your responses by e-mail.

When NOVAC needs volunteers for any of the types of activities you checked, we will contact you and let you know how you can help. We will do our best to spread the "wealth" around and contact as many of you as we can. ★