

## Meeting calendar

The **Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Okanagan Centre** invites you to be our guest and meet the members at our next monthly meeting. There are two chapters of the Okanagan Centre that meet together regularly.

Scheduled meetings to be held in **Kelowna** are:

January 6, 2004	7:30 at OUC
February 3, 2004	7:30 at OUC
March 2, 2004	7:30 at OUC
April 6, 2004	7:30 at OUC
April 28, 2004	<b>7:30 at Vernon **</b>
May 4, 2004	7:30 at OUC
June 1, 2004	7:30 at OUC
September 28, 2004	<b>7:30 at Kelowna *</b>
October 26, 2004	7:30 at OUC
November 23, 2004	7:30 at OUC
December 28, 2004	7:30 at OUC

Scheduled meetings to be held in **Vernon** are:

January 28, 2004	7:15 at OSC
February 25, 2004	7:15 at OSC
March 31, 2004	7:15 at OSC
April 28, 2004	<b>7:15 at Vernon **</b>
May 26, 2004	7:15 at OSC
June 30, 2004	7:15 at OSC
September 28, 2004	<b>7:15 at Kelowna *</b>
October 27, 2004	7:15 at OSC
November 24, 2004	7:15 at OSC
December 15, 2004	7:15 at OSC

\* denotes a combined meeting between the Kelowna and Vernon Chapters held at 7:15 on Tuesday September 28th at OUC North in Kelowna.

\*\* denotes a combined meeting between the Kelowna and Vernon Chapters held at 7:15 on Wednesday April 28th at the OSC in Vernon.

## Membership benefits

Annual membership fees:

Regular membership \$ 48.00

Youth membership \$ 27.50

(Youth membership fees exclude the \$ 4.00 Centre surcharge.)

### Regular membership includes:

- o RASC Observer's handbook
- o Journal of the RASC
- o SkyNews magazine
- o FOCUS (the Centre newsletter)

### Member benefits and activities include:

- o Telescope rentals
- o Access to the Centre Library
- o Access to Dark Observing Sites
- o Sidewalk Astronomy

Telescope rentals (members only):

- o 4.5" reflector on tripod \$10.00 per month
- o 6" Dobsonian for \$10.00 per month
- o 8" Dobsonian for \$5.00 per week
- o 10" Dobsonian for \$10.00 per week

### Centre Library:

The Okanagan Centre has an extensive library of recreational astronomy publications as well as reference materials and observing aids.

### Access to Dark Sites:

Within minutes of the city limits we have a secure and comfortable observing location, which is quite dark and free of all direct light pollution. This spot offers such amenities as a gated and fully fenced observing area, excellent southern skies, observing tables, washroom facilities, level parking, ect.

### Sidewalk Astronomy

Sidewalk Astronomy sessions take place at the Chapters parking lot, Orchard Park Shopping Centre, in Kelowna and in front of the Earl's restaurant in Vernon. This is a casual get together of RASC members interested in sharing astronomy with the public.

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# Okanagan Centre



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of Astronomy & Allied Sciences**

## Who are we

### About the Okanagan Centre

The Okanagan Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (R.A.S.C.) is one of 27 Centres nationwide. Our Centre formed in 1995 and ever since then, membership had mushroomed. We have over 80 members from beginners to seasoned observers. Unlike many other cities in North America, our easy access to dark skies is unparalleled! This may account for why local members are very active observing the skies and going to "star party" gatherings. We are also very privileged to have many excellent speakers at our meetings.

### About the R.A.S.C.

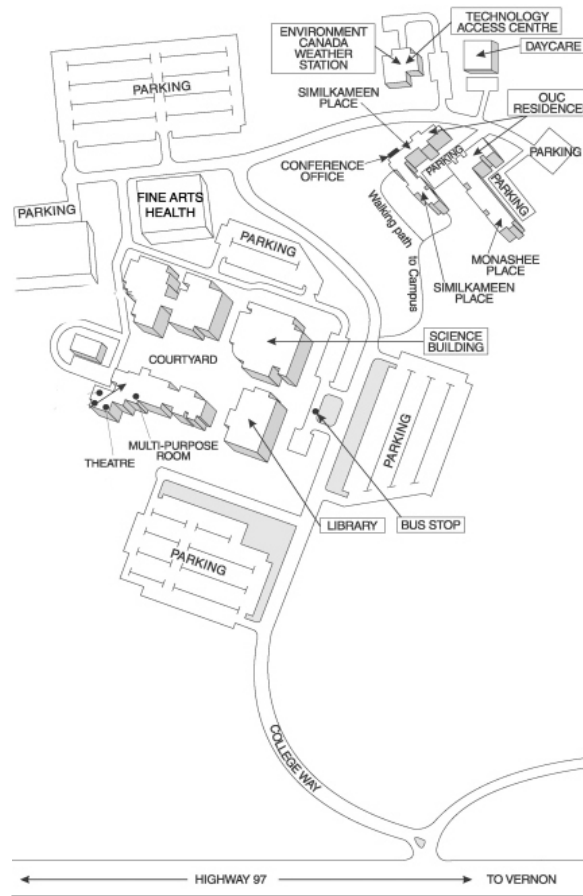
The beginnings of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada go back to the middle of the nineteenth century.

The National Office of the Society (containing the business office & national library) is at 136 Dupont Street, Toronto ON, M5R 1V2. Telephone: 416-924-7973 or 888-924-7272 e-mail: [nationaloffice@rasc.ca](mailto:nationaloffice@rasc.ca) URL: <http://www.rasc.ca>

The RASC consists of two employees, the Society's Executive Secretary, Bonnie Bird & Isaac McGillis who looks after the memberships and publication orders for over 4500 members world wide. The RASC is devoted to the advancement of astronomy and allied sciences, and its members are from all walks of life.

## Where to find us In Kelowna

### NORTH KELOWNA CAMPUS



The Kelowna chapter meets in the Science building at the North Kelowna Campus of the Okanagan University College (OUC), 3333 College Way, Kelowna BC.

*(The North Kelowna OUC Campus is near the Kelowna Airport on the other side of Hwy 97.)*

## Where to find us In Vernon



The Vernon chapter meets at the Okanagan Science Centre (OSC), 2704 Hwy 6, Vernon BC.

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