



Iraqi Kurdistan, telescope provided by Astronomers Without Borders

Through innovative and global programs, astronomers come together under the Astronomers Without Borders banner. Our initiatives help clubs and school astronomy programs in developing countries, provide a platform to learn about each other, and build understanding between world citizens – all through our one universally shared resource: the night sky.

Wars are fought over boundaries that have been created in the name of politics, religion, race, or beliefs. But the view from space reveals the true nature of our cosmic home – a borderless planet divided only into land and sea.

China, Global Astronomy Month 2011



Support Astronomers Without Borders

In just a few years, Astronomers Without Borders has become a world leader in global astronomy programs through the hard work of volunteers around the world. But more is needed to sustain this success and continue to provide a home for new programs.

Support Astronomers Without Borders programs to bring people together and help those in less fortunate circumstances. There are many ways you can help.

- Join free. Take part. Be a part of the global community and help it grow.
- Become a Supporting Member. For individuals and organizations.
- Donate. Keep our programs going and help new ones get started.
- Share our mission with others. Connect with us on Facebook or Twitter.
- Buy AWB eclipse glasses for your organization for eclipses and the Venus transit.

Learn More

The Astronomers Without Borders website, located at www.astronomerswithoutborders.org, is the home of the AWB Global Community, with information, programs, member blogs, and more. It's where people in astronomy from around the world meet and share.

Join the Astronomers Without Borders Global Community.



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Whoever,

Whatever, or

Wherever we are,

We all share the same sky.

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**Astronomers
Without Borders**

ONE PEOPLE ✦ ONE SKY

Boundaries vanish when we look skyward.

The star-filled night fascinates us all. People have gazed upward at it in wonder and awe for thousands of years. Regardless of earthly differences in culture, nationality, or religion, the heavens are a common meeting ground for all of Earth's inhabitants. Whoever, whatever, or wherever we are, we all share the same sky.

The passion for astronomy that bonds us locally can bring us together across geographic, cultural and political borders. It is this connection between people that we hope to foster. The gift of a small telescope and the sharing of knowledge can foster lasting bonds of friendship and goodwill around the world. Understanding replaces ignorance and suspicion. Media images are superseded by the faces of real people. Relationships, support and personal connections supplant stereotypes.

Romania, a mother and daughter enjoy Global Astronomy Month



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Global Programs for Everyone

Astronomers Without Borders (AWB) global programs promote sharing and understanding.

• Global Astronomy Month (GAM)

Global Astronomy Month is our signature program and the largest annual worldwide celebration of astronomy.

GAM continues the excitement of 100 Hours of Astronomy, the historic Cornerstone Project of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 when as many as one million people viewed through telescopes in one night during the event's Global Star Party. Now, GAM brings people together each April with dozens of innovative programs from AWB and its partners.

GAM 2011 offered more than 40 programs throughout April with enthusiasts in more than 140 countries taking part in a broad range of programs highlighting Saturn, the Moon, the Sun, a meteor shower, and more. Participants came from many countries, including Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Iran, Romania, China, Brazil, and Russian Federation countries along with the western nations.

GAM 2012 continued this growth, with thousands viewing through telescopes provided by amateur astronomers and science centers, online observing with real-time interaction enjoyed by thousands worldwide, dark skies awareness programs, programs for the disabled, and new, innovative programs of astronomy in the arts.

• Observing Programs

Whether with friends under dark skies, or with the public on a city street corner, amateur astronomers love to share the sky with others. AWB observing programs are based on worldwide events, from eclipses to conjunctions. Personal blogs share reports and photos. Online observing events with remote telescopes bring participants together through online, real-time chat.

• Sharing Telescopes and Resources (STAR)

STAR provides telescopes and other resources to clubs and schools in developing countries that could otherwise never obtain them. Donations of surplus equipment and special programs make it possible.

• Buy One, Donate One Telescope

This program, made possible by AWB supporting retail partners, donates a telescope to a club or school in a developing country for every telescope purchased.

• Other Programs

This is just a small sampling of our programs, many of which are developed by member organizations and partners. Astronomers Without Borders provides a place where program ideas can take root and flourish.

There is no shortage of good ideas. Astronomers Without Borders makes them a reality.