



What's Up With the Astronomical League June 19, 2020

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Special Opportunity from the American Astronomical Society

The Astronomical League very recently was made aware of this special workshop offering from the American Astronomical Society (AAS) that may be of interest to several of our members.

The **deadline for registration is June 22, 2020, to get you scheduled for this Zoom session**, so you must act soon.

Satellite Constellations 1 Workshop

The National Science Foundation's NOIRLab and the AAS, with support from NSF, are hosting the Satellite Constellations 1 (SATCON1) workshop virtually from **June 29 to July 2, 2020**. The first two days are open to people interested in mitigating the impact of satellite constellations on astronomy.

This workshop will gather together astronomers, satellite operators, dark-sky advocates, policy-makers, and other stakeholders and interested parties to discuss, understand, and quantify the impacts of large satellite constellations on astronomy and the human experience of the night sky. The goal is to work collectively toward effective solutions to mitigate those impacts and to publish them in a white paper which will be widely distributed. As launches and deployments of these satellite constellations have already begun, and new launches are planned for every few weeks, time is of the essence.

Participants will meet for four hours each day, in two 2-hour blocks:

10:30 am - 12:30 pm ET and 1:00 - 3:00 pm ET.

The link for more information for this **free event** is: https://aas.org/satellite-constellations-1-workshop?fbclid=IwAR0eeg6V80oFPZfOtajw7xZ6SKqj5-ZO4_S2f1qzER1-Aev98BtieLxHN3U

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