

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) Privacy Notice
(consent form on 2nd page)

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires that we gain verifiable consent for your child to participate in the AAVSO's International Year of Light 2015 contest. We are asking for your permission to retain your child's information (first and last name, age, grade level, email address) as well as the parent's/guardian's contact information (first and last name, primary phone number, and email address) for the purpose of monitoring the program participation, for allowing contest entries and content submissions, and for notifying contest winners. If you consent, we may use your child's name, grade, and location -- state (if USA) and/or country -- to promote the contest.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has entered the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) International Year of Light 2015 (IYL) contest, a free, international science competition hosted by the AAVSO as part of the IYL celebrations. This contest was created to get children more involved and interested in astronomy.

Via email or postal mail, your child has provided information (first and last name, age and/or grade level, and email address along with their parent's/guardian's first and last name and their email address and phone number) and his/her submission to the contest. Since your child is under the age of 13, the information collected will be kept confidential in compliance with *COPPA* and other similar state and federal laws.

The AAVSO is the sole owner of all of the information that is collected during the contest.

- ★ The personal information provided by the child is used for monitoring the program participation, for allowing contest entries and content submissions, for notifying contest winners.
- ★ Only with the parent's/guardian's consent, the child's name, grade, and location -- state (if USA) and/or country -- may be used to promote the contest. This includes, but is not limited to promotion on the AAVSO website, social media, etc.
- ★ The AAVSO will not require a child to disclose more information than is reasonably necessary to participate in the contest as a condition of participation.
- ★ No information will be disclosed to third parties; this means that information will not be shared with any businesses and/or added to any mailing lists.
- ★ The parent can review the child's personal information, ask to have it deleted and refuse to allow any further collection or use of the child's information. Parents/guardians should contact the project coordinator, Rebecca Turner, with questions and/or concerns.

Please fill out and return the attached consent form. The contact person for any inquiries regarding the AAVSO IYL contest is:

Rebecca Turner, AAVSO Operations Director
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Cambridge, MA 02138 USA
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**American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO)
COPPA Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

Please print out this form and return it via U.S. mail, fax, or electronic scan to Rebecca Turner, AAVSO, 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA.

I, _____ (print parent/guardian name), the parent or legal guardian of _____ (print child's name), have had the opportunity to review the AAVSO's Privacy Policy. By signing below, I authorize my child to provide personal information for the AAVSO's International Year of Light 2015 contest. I understand that in consenting to my child's registration for the AAVSO IYL contest, I am enabling my child to participate in the contest. By checking the "Yes" box below, my child's name, grade, and location -- state (if USA) and/or country -- may be used to promote the AAVSO IYL contest.

Please check one:

Yes, my child's first and last name, age and/or grade, and location -- state (if USA) and/or country -- may be used to promote the contest.

No, my child's first and last name, age and/or grade, and location -- state (if USA) and/or country -- may be used to promote the contest.

I also understand that it is important to provide accurate information in this consent form so that the AAVSO may contact me. As Parent/Guardian, you will be contacted regardless of whether your child has won the AAVSO IYL contest. If your child has won the contest, you will be contacted concerning the prize.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Primary Phone Number: _____