



"No one regards what is before his feet; we all gaze at the stars."

*Quintus Ennius, Rome, ~180 B.C.*



look up

### Humanity has always dreamed of the stars.

For centuries we have looked at the heavens and felt wonder. Now - our oldest and greatest dream is finally coming true. We live in the new space age, an era of unparalleled discovery, when we begin in earnest the exploration and settlement of our solar system. The National Space Society is leading the way. Join us.

**The National Space Society (NSS)** is the largest grass-roots space organization dedicated to human space exploration, development, tourism, and settlement. We are 20,000 individuals, with more than fifty local chapters, committed to bringing about a space-faring civilization.

Founded more than thirty years ago by a group of visionaries including **Wernher von Braun** and inspired by **Gerard K. O'Neill**, NSS is widely acknowledged as the preeminent citizen's voice on space. We advocate an ambitious and inclusive space agenda because we understand that the course of human civilization is dependent on the future of space exploration and development. We are working to overcome the barriers to space travel so that one day we all can afford to go.

But it takes hard work, not just by the men and women of the world's space programs, but by daring entrepreneurs and from committed, passionate citizens and advocates like you.



### Get Involved.

**Make a difference in your home town.** Join one of our many local chapters – or start one – and actively participate in promoting space, workshops, technical and educational projects, and much more. For more details visit: [chapters.nss.org](http://chapters.nss.org)

**Make a difference on Capitol Hill.** Join the **NSS Political Action Network**, the members-only action team dedicated to actively promoting a spacefaring civilization. For more details visit: [www.nss.org/PAN](http://www.nss.org/PAN)

**Make a difference in your daily life.** A new era is dawning in which private citizens will travel to space for business or pleasure. Join NSS as we cheer on the contenders at X-Prize Cup events. Experience weightlessness on Zero-G flights at a "lighter" cost thanks to NSS member discounts. Help NSS work to achieve the ultimate goal of a permanent and successful private presence in space.

### Help NSS Make a Difference.

Join fellow NSS members **Buzz Aldrin, Tom Hanks, John Glenn, Jim Lovell, Hugh Downs, Nichelle Nichols, Arthur C. Clarke, Gen. Pete Worden, Ben Bova**, and citizens just like you to ensure humanity's continued presence in space.

H.G. Wells once said the decision was between "the Universe – or nothing." And that's the real question: Do we move forward or do we stay where we are? Join NSS – and work to make the future of human space exploration a reality.

Help NSS achieve the goal of promoting social, economic, technological, and political change to advance the day when humans live and work in space. Simply fill out the attached form and mail to NSS headquarters, along with your membership fee. Or join online by going to [www.nss.org/join](http://www.nss.org/join).

Together we will continue our efforts to achieve a spacefaring civilization.

**Ad Astra!**  
(To the Stars...)

### Membership Benefits Include:

- A full-year subscription to *Ad Astra*, NSS's award-winning magazine, featuring the latest news in space exploration and stunning full-color photography.
- Inside access to the latest developments on NSS activities, Capitol Hill, and the world of space via *NSS Downlink*, NSS's monthly electronic newsletter.
- Special members-only discount to NSS's annual **International Space Development Conference** and other NSS events – where you can interact with NASA astronauts, members of Congress, government and space industry leaders, space entrepreneurs, scientists, educators, and more.
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- The satisfaction of knowing you are playing a key role in the exploration and development of the space frontier. To see a full list of member benefits, please visit: [www.nss.org/benefits](http://www.nss.org/benefits).

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