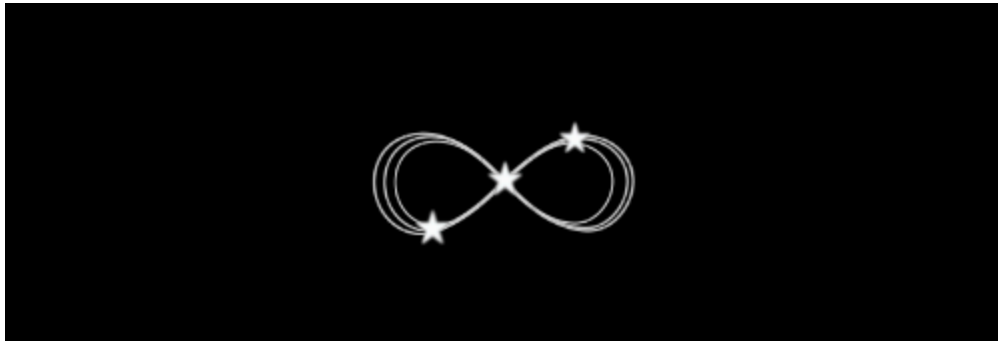


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If you're interested in publishing an article with Orion's Belt, please make sure to check out and follow the guidelines below. These apply for regular articles as well as those submitted for content projects. Thank you!

1. Article Structure

- **Title:** A clear and captivating title that reflects the article's content.
- Use **headings and subheadings** for better readability as appropriate for your article.
- Present facts, observations, or ideas in a logical flow.
- Include relevant data, images, or diagrams (with proper credits).

2. Tone and Style

- **Audience:** Write for a general audience interested in astronomy, including beginners and experts alike.
 - Remember that these articles should be helpful for those just getting into the vast field of astronomy.
- **Language:** Use simple, engaging language that is professional and appropriate. Avoid jargon, or explain it if necessary.
- **Voice:** Informative yet conversational; encourage curiosity in the reader.

3. Content Guidelines

- **Originality:** Articles must be original and not plagiarized.
 - We do use plagiarism checkers if an article must be flagged for review – we do not condone the plagiarism of work on our publication.
- **Focus Areas:** Topics can include anything within the broad field of astronomy
 - e.g. the galaxy, astrobiology, astrophysics, technology in space such as AI and nanotechnology, global space exploration, etc
- **Credible Sources:** Cite all facts and figures from reputable sources (NASA, peer-reviewed journals, etc.).

4. Word Count and Format

- **Length:** up until a 6-minute read (approximately 1,500 words).
 - If your article's word count is less than this, that is perfectly fine!
 - However, we understand that some articles cover topics that require elaboration and thus are longer than the stated range. If your article happens to be like such, then we can work with you to divide your articles into parts (as a Part 1 and Part 2).
- **Formatting:**
 - Use bullet points or lists where appropriate.
 - Write in concise paragraphs that get your point across for easy readability.
 - Submit in a standard document format (Word, Google Docs) that allows for ease in sharing, editing, and publishing.

5. Visuals

We encourage members to include detailed visuals that complement their writing such as:

- High-quality images (with attribution if not self-taken).
- Illustrations or diagrams (e.g., constellations, telescope setups).

6. Submission Process

- **Deadline:** none! You can submit articles based on when you are able to, and our content department will review it to help you get published.
 - However, content projects do have deadlines that are specified in each announcement, so be sure to refer to those if you sign up to submit an article.
- **Review:** Articles will be reviewed for content, grammar, and originality by our content department.
- **Feedback:** We aim to provide constructive feedback to authors in order to enhance our collective understand of scientific and academic writing.

7. Do's and Don'ts

Do:

- Share unique perspectives or insights!
- Fact-check thoroughly.
- Use inclusive language.

Don't:

- Submit copyrighted content without permission.

- Use overly technical language without proper explanation.
- Use inappropriate or obscene language/material.

8. Attribution and Recognition

- Authors will receive credit for their work.
- Outstanding articles may be featured on the organization's website or social media.
- **If you participate in a content project**, you will receive a certificate of participation indicating you contributed to an educational project in Orion's Belt. You will also be able to earn volunteer hours for your work.

Good luck – we're excited to see what you write!

Clear skies,

The team at Orion's Belt