



Planetarium Activities • June and July 2019

Lunchtime Sidewalk Astronomy

Watch for one of the planetarium's telescopes by the Museum at the corner of Jefferson and Congress Streets. See a safely filtered view of the sun and any sunspots that day!

Date: Every clear Wednesday, June—August
Time: Lunchtime, approximately noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Lafayette Science Museum Planetarium
Ages: All welcome
Cost: Free!

Star Party at West Regional Library

Join us for a Star Party as we celebrate “A Universe of Stories” at the new West Regional Library! Weather permitting, the Planetarium will set up telescopes as the Library celebrates its grand opening. They'll have music, light refreshments, space-themed video gaming, and more, all with the Moon, Jupiter and other celestial objects overhead.

Date: Tuesday, June 11
Time: 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Location: West Regional Library, 501 Old Spanish Trail, Scott, LA
Ages: All welcome
Cost: Free!

World of the Moon

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Apollo moon landings by learning about the moon and the Apollo program at some Calcasieu Parish Public Library branches.

Instructor: Planetarium Curator Dave Hostetter
Date: Wednesday, June 19
Times: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Location: Moss Bluff Library (10 a.m.) and Sulphur Regional Library (2 p.m.)
Ages: Moss Bluff: best for ages 5—adult, Sulphur: best for ages 8–12
Cost: Free!

“On the Moon Again” — ArtWalk Astronomy

“On the Moon Again” is a celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of Apollo 11. Thousands of public telescopes around the world will be pointed at the moon and weather permitting, you can see Earth's closest neighbor through ours during ArtWalk!

Date: Saturday, July 13
Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Location: Parc Sans Souci near the fountain
Ages: All welcome
Cost: Free!

Library Storytimes in the Planetarium

The Museum will partner with the Lafayette Public Library to present two special Storytimes under the planetarium dome. Enjoy storytelling, music, finger plays and other educational activities. Because of limited seating, participants must sign-up in advance at the Main Library.

Date: Thursday, June 27 and Thursday, July 25
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Lafayette Science Museum Planetarium & Classroom
Ages: 3-6 year olds and their adults
Cost: Free, but each person must sign-up at the Main Library to get a ticket

Planetarium Marathon

Explore the Universe with seven planetarium programs a day for three days in a row. The only programs that will repeat are our regular 4 p.m. "Sky Tonight" programs! Topics include constellations, telescopes, planets, stars, galaxies, space flight, and more—pick your preference or see 'em all! See our website for a complete schedule and program descriptions.

Date: July 16, 17, and 18 (Tuesday—Thursday)
Time: First show begins at 9:30 a.m., last one begins at 4 p.m.
Location: Lafayette Science Museum Planetarium
Ages: Best for ages 5—adult
Cost: Free with regular Museum entry

Apollo-Palooza!

It's the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first piloted landing on the moon! In addition to our regular schedule of planetarium programs, we'll have special classroom presentations, a replay of the Apollo 11 landing, giveaways an Apollo mini-exhibit and a star party in the evening! **All Free with regular museum entry.**

Schedule for Saturday, July 20:

Realtime Apollo Landing • Auditorium • 10:30am, 2:50pm & 4pm

Hear a 15 minute replay of Apollo 11 descent to landing, with information that tells who is speaking and how the Lunar Module "Eagle" is aimed, all synchronized to actual video looking out the lander's windows! The 2:50 p.m. session will be timed so that as "Eagle" touches down, it will be 50 years to the minute since the real thing happened. **Best for ages 5 - adult**

Planetarium Programs • 11:15am, 1:30pm, 2:45pm & 3:35pm

See website calendar for program schedule and descriptions.

World of the Moon • Auditorium • 1:00pm

Discover what the moon is like and how Apollo astronauts got there! **Best for ages 6 - adult**

Apollo 3D-printed Model Giveaway • Auditorium • 4:45pm

Two lucky Museum visitors will win models of a Lunar Module or a Command Module that were 3D printed here at the Museum. Sign up to be eligible at any time during your visit to the Museum on this date. Need not be present to win.

Apollo Star Party • Picard Park • 9pm - 10pm

If it's a clear evening, we'll set up telescopes near the parking lot at Picard Park for public observing of Jupiter, Saturn, and more! Bug spray, long pants, long sleeves, socks, and closed-toe shoes are highly recommended. No alcohol or controlled substances, please, and use only flashlights that give off red light. **FREE! All ages welcome**

Globe at Night — at Home!

Globe at Night is a worldwide study of light pollution and its effect on the night sky. By making and reporting simple observations of well-known constellations from your home, you can provide some of the data scientists need. There are worldwide Globe at Night campaigns every month, and the next dates are June 24 - July 3, and July 24 - August 2. For further information and to download a Family Activity Packet suitable for families and school classes, go to the Globe at Night web site at <http://www.globeatnight.org/>.

The Telescope Line and Facebook

If the weather's bad, has a telescope viewing been cancelled? Call 337-291-5544 during Museum hours to find out! Cancellations will also be announced on the Lafayette Science Museum Facebook page.