



Planetarium Activities • November & December 2019, and January 2020

ArtWalk Astronomy

Look for the planetarium's telescope during ArtWalk! Weather permitting, we'll look at the nearly full moon.

Date: Saturday, November 9
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Parc Sans Souci near the fountain
Ages: All welcome
Cost: Free!

Transit of Mercury

The last transit of Mercury until 2032 will happen on November 11 as Mercury passes directly between Earth and the sun. It will look like a tiny black spot moving slowly across the sun's disk from just after sunrise until minutes after noon. Weather permitting, we will livestream the event from our new Lafayette Science Museum Observatory (LASMO) so anyone can follow it from home, work, or school. In case of clouds, our web site will carry links to other public observatories associated with the Southeastern Planetarium Association and Middle Atlantic Association of Planetariums.

Remember—***never look directly at the sun!***

Date: Monday, November 11, 2019
Time: 6:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Location: Lafayette Science Museum/LASMO YouTube Channel
Ages: All welcome
Cost: Free!

Astro Christmas with The Boss

Weather permitting, look for the planetarium's telescope near the park entrance on Polk Street for a nice view of the moon during Zydeco artist Keith Frank's concert. There will be a downtown Christmas Tree lighting, too!

Dates: Friday, December 6
Times: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Festival International Park Downtown
Ages: All welcome
Fee: Free!

How to Use A Telescope for Astronomy

Discover what can be found in the current sky, acquire many helpful viewing hints and use your telescope in an outdoor observing session (weather permitting). Plan to attend both sessions and bring your assembled telescope. Be sure to dress appropriately for evening temperatures for the observing session. ***If your telescope is driven by a computer, plan also to attend the computer pre-class – computers will not be covered in the telescope class itself.***

Instructor: Planetarium Curator Dave Hostetter
Location: museum classroom (afternoon)
Acadiana Park (evening)
Date: Saturday, February 1
Times: Computer Pre-class: 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Telescope Class: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Ages: 10 – adult (12 and under w/ adult)
Fee: \$5 per *telescope* (more than one family member can attend) + regular museum entry fee for each person
Register by: Tuesday, January 28

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 November 18 – 27, December 18 – 27, and January 16 – 25. 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.