# **March 2024 Planetarium Shows**

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturdays	Sundays
11:15 am	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	*Rusty Rocket (Children's Program)	No Show
1:30 pm	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	Eclipse!	Eclipse!
2:45 pm	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	Reserved for field trips	*We Choose Space	*We Choose Space
4:00 pm	No Show	No Show	The Sky Tonight	Phantom of the Universe	Phantom of the Universe

<sup>\*</sup>Children's program. People of all ages are welcome, but the program is best for elementary school children.

### **Program Descriptions**

## "Eclipse!" (best for ages 8 – adult)

Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse! Although only a partial solar eclipse will be seen in Acadiana, it will be a good one that you won't want to miss. Find out what's happening and how to view it safely!

### "Phantom of the Universe" (best for ages 10 – adult)

Follow the journey of protons racing through the world's largest particle collider in Europe to up-close views of the Big Bang and emergent cosmos, and immerse yourself in the search for dark matter. A collaboration of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, University of Texas at Arlington, IFIC at University of Valencia, as well as other institutions, and it is narrated by Oscar-winning actress, Tilda Swinton.

### \*"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" (best for ages 5 – 12)

After decades of teaching Rocket Rookies the basics of astronomy and rocket science, Rusty Rocket has plans to retire. His last mission is an introductory tour of the solar system and the planets' environments. Rookie candidates in grades 1 through 5 and their families are welcome to come with Rusty — will it really be his last blast?

### "The Sky Tonight" (best for ages 5 – adult)

This live presentation introduces visitors to evening constellations, bright stars, and planets.

#### "We Choose Space" (best for ages 6 – adult)

Fifty years ago, President Kennedy chose the Moon. Today we can still choose a trip into space to the completed International Space Station or to the Moon. The show makes human spaceflight after the Space Shuttle very exciting, immersive, and real. Enjoy the astronaut experience and share it with children who dream of spaceflight! This is the first planetarium show told completely by astronauts.