



# space odyssey

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## space odyssey news

### **ANNUAL SPACE ODYSSEY PARTY IS ALMOST HERE!**

Please see the invite under "Space Science Events and Lectures."

### **MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SPACE ODYSSEY**

If you're on an afternoon shift, please refrain from making announcements about the exhibit/museum closing for the day. It is Security's job to clear the exhibit halls and make those announcements. If you have any comments/questions, please let me know. Thank you!

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE IN HOW WE COUNT AT CARTS IN SPACE O**

Free yourself of your hand counters--at carts anyway! As of May 1<sup>st</sup> we no longer need to collect statistics for any carts in Space Odyssey. Education Collections has said that they no longer need those numbers. Ergo, you won't need to count visitors at a cart and record the numbers. If you have questions about this, let me know. We will, however, continue to collect statistics for shows and the telescope facilitation so that we can track attendance levels. Below is a list of the shows that we collect statistics for and where the sheets are

located:

Astronaut on the Surface	AOS Changing area
Galileo	Galileo Prep area
Earth Smart	Galaxy Stage wall
Earth/Space Today	Galaxy Stage wall
Storytelling	Galaxy Stage wall
Superchill	Galaxy Stage wall
Titan	Galaxy Stage wall
Weather Central	Galaxy Stage wall
Pyramids	2003 room bulletin board
See the Seas	2003 room bulletin board
A Tale of Three Planets	2003 room bulletin board
# People in Exhibit (if your shift does this)	2003 room - clipboard
Vacuum Chamber	Experiment Bar Vacuum supply drawer
Telescopes (solar and night sky viewing)	Sky Terrace Telescope cage

### **TELESCOPE UPDATE**

The new Lunt telescope carts have new casters on them so they'll roll easier. Thanks to Dimitri and Jack!

### **SO REPAIRS UPDATE**

Building Ops is replacing carpet in key areas, including the 2003 storage room and by the stream table and repairing drywall in that room as well as making repairs around the sliding door on the Planetarium Stage. Exhibits is also working to repair locks at the Experiment Bar and the Orbits Table.

**HELP NEEDED: NEW MEMBER NIGHT MAY 14** Thanks to those who have volunteered already! But we can always use more help. This should be a very fun night. We'll probably have around 1000 or so new museum members attending. Briefing time is at 5 pm typically and the event lasts until 9 pm or so. If you'd like to help in Space Odyssey or with telescopes up on the Sky Terrace, please let me know. Thanks!

### **SOS UPDATE UPDATE**

If you haven't tried it out yet, the new SOS software has wonderful capabilities including a reorganized dataset catalog that enables much easier and intuitive searches for all levels of SOS users. To learn how to use the new system, I recommend watching this training video: <http://youtu.be/OLUtRuOLCxw>

And if you want to try out the new search capabilities at home, simply go to the SOS website and look at the dataset page. This page works almost exactly like the iPad check it

out: <http://sos.noaa.gov/Datasets/list.php>

### **ORBITS TABLE UNIVIEW UPDATE**

We are officially switching over to Uniview 2.0 this coming week and will no longer have 1.5 available. If you're having issues with Uniview 2.0, please email me so Greg can track and rectify any issues.

### **UNIVIEW 2.0 MANUAL AVAILABLE ON PORTAL**

The Uniview 2.0 manual is available for your viewing pleasure on the Orbits Table page of the Portal, look under Orbits Explorer

Training: <http://spaceodyssey.dmns.org/exhibitsprograms/interactives-exhibits/orbits-explorer.aspx>

And remember, Greg Mancari has set-up a computer in the Briefing Room--at a desk in the back of the room, with Uniview 2.0 so you can go downstairs and practice on it whenever you like. We'll be offering another Uniview 2.0 training in a few weeks. **Please remember that we'll be switching to Uniview 2.0 on May 1.** Questions? Let me know.

### **RECENTLY ADDED SCIENCE ON A SPHERE DATASETS**

<http://sos.noaa.gov/Datasets/list.php?category=All&type=&sort=DateAdded&order=DESC>

Our system is updated by NOAA with the latest, greatest stuff every Monday for your viewing pleasure, though occasionally, the latest datasets aren't available right away. If you encounter an issue, let me know.

### **NASA CLIMATE UPDATE**

<http://climate.nasa.gov/news/>

### **THIS WEEK'S COOL STUFF ON THE WEB:**

Pluto New Horizon's update...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej3HUvLw\\_sA&feature=em-subscriptions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej3HUvLw_sA&feature=em-subscriptions)

Orion Program monthly update newsletters...

[http://www.nasa.gov/exploration/systems/mpcv/orion\\_reports\\_archive.html](http://www.nasa.gov/exploration/systems/mpcv/orion_reports_archive.html)

### **DMNS CAMP-IN SCHEDULE**

Upcoming camp-in dates include:

- May 7-8, (Thurs-Fri)
- May 13-14, (Wed-Thurs)
- May 15-16, (Fri-Sat)

What's a Camp-In you ask? Check it out:

<http://www.dmns.org/teachers/events-programs/camp-ins/>

### **SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR**

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2015, made possible by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. As part of the Museum's agreement to receive funds from SCFD, which account for a significant portion of the Museum's operating budget, the Museum offers "community free days" throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. Below are the dates for the 2015 free days. To learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

- Sunday, May 31
- Monday, June 29
- Sunday, July 26
- Monday, August 17
- Sunday, September 27
- Monday, October 19
- Monday, November 9

## **trainings and meetings**

### **SCIENCE ON A SPHERE USER GROUP MEETING**

**Monday May 4**

**4:30 to 6:00 PM**

**RSVP to Kim Grogan at [collingsgrogan@me.com](mailto:collingsgrogan@me.com)**

**We'll meet in the SO Briefing Room at 4:30.**

**Many thanks to Mark Miesch for a truly fantastic presentation and discussion of new SOS datasets on our sun at our April meeting. Truly informative and helpful in understanding the amazing datasets on SOS!**

Thank you also to Jake Lawrence-Simon for the following link with some breathtaking visuals of the sun:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSVv40M2aks>

At our next meeting we will spend time working on the new update to SOS and discussing and sharing with each other what is working with the update so far and what may need improvement or tweaking. I hope you'll all be able to attend.

### **SPACE ODYSSEY SHARE FAIR**

**May 11, 2015**

**6 PM to 8 PM**

**Space Odyssey**

**Food and drink will be served**

**RSVP to Dave Blumenstock, [dave.blumenstock@dmns.org](mailto:dave.blumenstock@dmns.org)**

This training should be a blast! At this training, we ask volunteers to share what they know about their favorite activities. So, are you someone who'd like to share what you know about the Orbits Table, or SOS, or Meteorites, or Barany Chair or something else? If so, let me know. Are you someone who'd like to learn from your fellow SO volunteers about how they teach different activities? Then let me know that you'd like to attend this training. Hope you can join us! Please let me know if you have any questions.

## **SPACE ODYSSEY OVERVIEW TRAINING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

**Space Odyssey**

**RSVP to Dave Blumenstock**

**Food and drink provided**

Please join us for this fun night! We'll be doing a general overview of the various exhibits, get a behind the scenes tour of the Mars diorama and view Space O's technical "engine room." This training is required for all new Space Odyssey volunteers. Please let me know if you can make it.

# **storytelling with uniview**

**by Dr. Ka Chun Yu, PhD Curator of Space Science DMNS**

You can read all of Ka Chun's previous columns on the MGG Portal:

<http://spaceodyssey.dmns.org/exhibitsprograms/interactives-exhibits/orbits-explorer.aspx>

NOTE: If you're having issues viewing this column in Firefox, try using Safari or Explorer as those seem to show the column in the best quality. I'm not sure about Chrome.

# **space science lectures & events**

## **2015 SPACE ODYSSEY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT**

It is my pleasure to invite all Space Odyssey and space science volunteers to join us in the Southeast Atrium at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6 PM to celebrate your contributions which make Space Odyssey such an amazing place to visit for hundreds of thousands of museum guests every year.

The evening will start in the Southeast Atrium for a Mexican-themed buffet dinner with cash bar, then a few select presentations, and then we're off to the Gates Planetarium to be

flown around the universe.

To register for this event, please let me know by Monday, May 25, 2015.

You can respond via email, or by talking to me in person (or to your Guide Captain) or by calling me at 303.370.8344.

When you respond, please let me know if you are bringing a guest--each Space Odyssey/space science volunteer can bring one guest.

Dress for the evening is casual.

Questions? Please let me know. Thanks and I hope to see you there!

### **60 MINUTES IN SPACE**

Go "behind the stories" in space science using the best images and animation available to help understand new developments. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Please use the evening entrance on the west side of the Museum.

The next 60 Minutes in Space will be on Wednesday, May 27.

**Location:**

Gates Planetarium

**Date/Time:**

Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m.

**Tickets:**

FREE

**RESERVATION INFO**

Volunteers have the opportunity to attend most After Hours programs priced at the \$8 member/ \$10 nonmember rate for free on a space-available basis! Volunteers always receive the member rate for all other Adult Programs. As of May 12, please call Guest Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation.

Guest Services is open daily, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Admission to 60 Minutes in Space is free and is on a first come, first seated basis.

On the evening of the program, please enter through the same entrance as our guests and pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Adult Programs!

**museum news and events**

## MUSEUM LECTURE AND PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

[Click here for Evening Lectures](#)

[Click here for Gates Planetarium Daily Show Schedule](#)

[Click here for Museum IMAX information](#)

## volunteer enrichment committee

Click here for more information about VEC events:

<http://volunteers.dmns.org/events/>

Or see the bulletin board in the Volunteer Lounge for more info.

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