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YOU'RE INVITED

To the 2015 Space Odyssey Volunteer Recognition Party on June 8, 2015 at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, please see the invite under "Space Science Events and Lectures."

HELP NEEDED MAY 17

If you are interested in helping out extra in Space O this weekend and are available in the afternoon, please let me know. The Sunday PM crew is especially short-handed this day. If you need information about how the Colfax Marathon will impact getting to DMNS, scroll down to "Museum News and Events." Thanks!

HELP NEEDED: SPACE DAY FREE DAY MAY 31

We can really use help in Space Odyssey and with solar viewing telescopes on Boettcher Plaza this day. This should be a fun day as we'll have lots of great space science-themed activities in SO and could have upwards of 10-12,000 guests. If you'd like to help, let me know what shift you want to work, AM or PM, and where. Keep in mind that facilitating telescopes is only for those who have been certified or are in training. Please let me know. Thanks!

STREAM TABLE CARPET AND STORAGE ROOM LIGHTS

Building Ops is going to replace the carpet near the stream table that is pulling up as well as the fluorescent lamps in the storage room. Exhibits is working to fix the Orbits Table lock.

MOON PHASES UPDATE

Apologies, but we continue to have issues with Moon Phases as the threading on the short leg tube stripped. Exhibits is working on a fix.

GALAXY STAGE AND SPACE SCREEN ISSUES IN SO

The Galaxy Stage laptop signal doesn't display on the side or center screens. The Space Screen will not display the default show or any of the other shows available via the AMX panel. NASA TV and laptop input do work at the Space Screen. Tech is working on all the above and these issues have proved to be very difficult to solve, thanks for your patience.

HOW TO USE THE NEW SOS IPAD APP

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 COMPUTER DOWN

As of this writing the Orbits computer is down. Tech is working on the issue. As an alternative activity, I recommend using the NASA Eyes app via a laptop at the Space Screen. This application is accessible via any laptop, and fairly easy to use. Look for the square, purplish icon filled with stars and planets on the laptop dock. To learn how to use it, you can download it at home by clicking here: [NASA Eyes](#) If you have any questions about it, 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:

CU-Boulder working on two science missions...

<http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/features/2015/05/11/cu-science-missions->

[mars/27120045/](#)

Robot dogs...?

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/M8YjvHYbZ9w?rel=0>

DMNS CAMP-IN SCHEDULE

Upcoming camp-in dates include:

- 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

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.

space science lectures & events

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2015 SPACE O PARTY!

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, May 27, 7 p.m.

Tickets:

FREE, seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLUTO PALOOZA JUNE 10

It's Pluto-Palooza! Let's hear it for the little guys! This special event is dedicated to NASA's New Horizons mission to Pluto, featuring the fastest spacecraft ever launched, which is scheduled to make a historic flyby of the icy dwarf planet in July. Join key mission

scientists and engineers-all based right here in Colorado-as they share their favorite highlights from New Horizon's nearly decade-long journey across the Solar System and provide a sneak peek at the fascinating new science expected from this mission. Our guests will be Alan Stern, principal investigator; Fran Bagenal, co-investigator; Joe Peterson, team lead for the Tombaugh Science Operations Center; and Jamey Szalay, a member of the Student Dust Counter instrument team. Space enthusiasts of all ages are welcome!

Location:

Phipps IMAX Theater

Date/Time:

Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m.

Tickets:

\$12 adult member, \$15 adult nonmember, \$8 child member, \$10 child nonmember

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

COLFAX MARATHON MAY 17 IMPACTS DMNS

The Colfax Marathon race route will require that the Museum will open at 10:00am on Sunday May 17th. When our lots open at 9am, it will only be possible to reach the Museum from the North via Colorado Blvd. This is because the race continues east all the way down Montview Blvd to Stapleton and then comes back west all the way down 17th past Colorado Blvd, so there will be no easy way to come Colorado Blvd from the south. Colorado Blvd and surrounding roads will be fully accessible by approximately 11:00am.

[Click here for more information about the Colfax Marathon road closures.](#)

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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