



space odyssey

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space odyssey news

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: 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 has replaced the carpet at the Stream Table and will replace the lamps in the storage room.

MOON PHASES UPDATE

Exhibits has completed repairs on the stripped thread by installing a section of steel pipe.

The result: Now you only need to use the small leg to set it up. No need to use the other two fixed legs as they've installed a second latch to hold the table down in the horizontal position. Do exercise caution when dropping or raising the small leg as the table is slightly unbalanced. We'll further modifications in the coming weeks to make the table-top more balanced. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thanks for your feedback and patience.

GALAXY STAGE AND SPACE SCREEN UPDATE

The Space Screen is fully operational once more! The default and other shows currently are working. We are still working on the Galaxy Stage area to ensure that the laptop/audience camera signal is working for Mission: Superchill and Space Today. And Marta Lindsay is working on revamping the default Space Screen show and she'll update the "[SO Screens](#)" page when that's completed. She is also working on new shows that can be selected from the AMX panel. If you'd like to check out, or even facilitate at the screen either the nebula or exoplanets powerpoints, you can find them on the [SO Screens](#) page as well.

NEW SOS IPAD USER MANUAL ON THE PORTAL

Brought to you by Samantha, Naomi and yours truly, here's a new user manual for the SOS iPad and the associated AMX panel. It's posted on the SOS Portal page here under "Science On a Sphere Training":

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

Please send me any comments you have about the above.

Also posted in the same section of the Portal is the NOAA training video to help you learn how to use the new iPad app interface.

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

Thanks to Tech and Greg Mancari, the Orbits computer is back in action. It also comes with a new graphics card and we're working to get wifi going on it so you can access the internet for mission info etc. I'll advise when that's ready to go. And the lock has been repaired by Exhibits as well.

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:

Space Foundation news...
<http://spacecoalition.com/>

Ultracool stellar magnetism...
<https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/research/oir/ultracool-stellar-magnetism>

DMNS CAMP-IN SCHEDULE

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

HOMESCHOOL DAY AT DMNS MONDAY JUNE 1

This is usually a busy day for us and usually a fun day too.

MOTHER'S ROOM AT DMNS

We have a new space available for moms in Gems and Minerals as we've converted one of the family bathrooms to give nursing mothers some privacy.

MUSEUM TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM

[Click here to learn more.](#)

DENVER MINI MAKER FAIRE AT DMNS JUNE 13-14

[Click here for more information.](#)

MUSEUM LECTURE AND PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

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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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