



space odyssey

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MISSION: SUPERCHILL TRAINING

February 2, 2016

6 PM to 7:30 PM

Galaxy Stage Space Odyssey

Food and Drink provided

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock by February 1, 2016

Come learn one of the coolest shows in the exhibit! Naomi Pequette will be leading this training. All those attending will need to be liquid nitrogen certified before attending, so please RSVP ASAP if you want to attend and let me know if you need certification. To

learn more about Superchill, check out [this page](#) of the Portal.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TRAINING

February 3, 2016

9:30 AM

VIP Room

Space is limited to only 10 spots, sign up in the Volunteer Lounge

Security will be hosting Emergency Procedures Training monthly for new staff hires, and there will be a limited number of spaces available for volunteers to attend as well. **There are 10 spots open for Wednesday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the VIP Room.** Sign up on the clipboard on the back counter in the Volunteer Lounge if you'd like to attend! We will post sign-ups at the beginning of each month in the lounge. Security will still host a large annual Emergency Procedures Training in the spring that all volunteers are encouraged to attend.

KUDOS: ANNA GAMITO AND JEFF SIEGEL

Thanks so much to Anna, who works the Saturday PM shift, and Jeff, who works on Monday AM and Thursday AM, both of whom received written praise from guests in the past week for their excellent work on the floor. And thanks to EVERYONE who works in Space Odyssey for all your wonderful work!

HELP NEEDED: SCFD FREE DAY MONDAY JANUARY 25

We could use some extra help this day, particularly in the afternoon, so please let me know if you can make it in or just drop by. Thanks in advance!

ORBITS TABLE UPDATE

Thanks much to Greg Mancari for installing a new Pluto image from New Horizons data and thanks to Tech for getting the internet working again. This past Monday, the Orbits table was in a sad state as many of its default settings had been changed making it a challenge to use. Please do not change any settings with Uniview or the computer itself as it makes it difficult for the rest of the users to operate this already complex program. If you are unsatisfied with how things are working on this machine, please let me know so we can figure out a solution. If you change anything by accident, please let us know by writing a note on the whiteboard. Thanks!

SOS PROJECTOR BULBS REPLACED

Like clockwork, three of the SOS projectors went out this past Thursday. Thanks a ton to Dave Lewis for getting it back in action quickly.

LAPTOP EMAIL

The SO laptops still cannot send email and Tech is still working on a solution, it has proven harder to fix than they thought. Stay tuned...

ASTROTOT ISSUES ADDRESSED

Thanks much to Jennie Crate and Jack Leyba in Exhibits for moving quickly to replace a button cover which prevented a potentially shocking situation, and securing the steering

wheel on the rocket panel on the back wall.

CRATERING CONTINUES TO WORK

It seems improbable, but this old beast keeps chugging along thanks to our Tech department's ministrations. Never fear, we are investigating other options but will not be making any major decisions about its future until the Space O Comprehensive Review is complete sometime in the 2nd quarter of this year. Fun fact about Cratering, since Space O opened in 2003, the Cratering Machine has raked approximately 757,000 times and shot approximately 3.8 million steel balls into its salt-encrusted interior.

MER MODEL EXHIBIT DISPLAYS

We now have two working displays in this area thanks to Tech. We are working on a solution to allow laptops to plug into said screens, stay tuned.

EAGLE SPOTTING WITH OUR TELESCOPES

Jeff Fitzgerald, long time Telescope Operator, used one of our Celestron telescopes this past week to capture this image of a bald eagle that stopped by City Park to visit DMNS...or maybe to contemplate the geese?



In this image, you can see the eagle staring down Jeff.

RECENTLY ADDED SCIENCE ON A SPHERE DATASETS

Our system is updated by NOAA every Monday with the latest, greatest datasets on a continuous basis. You can also search the NOAA site directly by [clicking here.](#)

NASA CLIMATE UPDATE

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

COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

[History of Science Museum in Oxford, England](#)

SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2016, 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 these Free Days throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. To see the dates for all the Free Days and to learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

trainings and meetings

INFRARED TABLE TRAINING WITH DR. DIMITRI KLEBE

February 2, 2016

3 PM to 4 PM

Infrared Table in Space Odyssey

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock

Join us for an informal training at the Infrared Table with Dr. Dimitri Klebe, our Space Science Newsroom Content Specialist who is also an astronomer and very knowledgeable in all things electromagnetic.

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SCIENCE ON A SPHERE USER GROUP

February 8, 2016

SOS in Space O

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock

Please join us for our monthly SOS collaborative meeting where we discuss all things Science On a Sphere related. If you have an agenda item you'd like to discuss or want some training or just want to stop in, please let me know.

space science lectures & events

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 Member entrance on the north side of the Museum.

The next 60 Minutes in space will be on February 24.

Location:
Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:
Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Tickets:
FREE

DIGITAL EARTH: ISLAND GETAWAY

Leave the winter blues behind and virtually travel with geologist Bob Raynolds and space scientist Ka Chun Yu to special islands around the world.

Using immersive satellite imagery, wander the path of Thor Heyerdahl's voyage on the Kon-Tiki, explore Charles Darwin's concept of atolls, and sense the geopolitical importance of the Spratly Islands. Consider island genesis (some by fire, some by ice), the pleasures of archipelagos, and the issues of sustainability experienced today by dwellers of these island worlds, and Madagascar.

Location:
Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:
Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m.

Tickets:
\$8 member, \$10 nonmember

[Buy Now](#)

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. Please call Guest Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation. Guest Services is open daily, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

To save time the night of the program, we recommend picking up your tickets anytime during regular Museum hours at the north ticket desk. You can also pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier on your way into the program on the night of the program. You

will always need a ticket to attend programs.

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!

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STORIES AND INFORMATION FROM THE DMNS VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

"DMNS has a media policy, which was established in order to respond promptly to media inquiries, ensure clear and accurate communication, and determine the most appropriate spokesperson(s) to represent the institution.

It is the Museum's policy that no person, other than the assigned spokesperson(s), will speak on behalf of the Museum during a crisis situation. The Museum's message must be consistent, especially in a crisis situation; therefore all media inquiries **MUST** be directed to the [DMNS] Marketing department. Under no circumstance should any individual outside of the assigned spokesperson(s) answer media inquiries during a crisis.

The Museum has five official spokespeople.* Only these individuals may contact the media about Museum programs, business, staff activities, volunteer activities and science research activities. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Official Denver Museum of Nature & Science spokespeople:

- George Sparks, President & CEO; Office 303.370.6345 :: Cell 303.570.2402
- Ed Scholz, VP Finance and Operations; Office 303.370.6480 :: Cell 720.203.3756
- Mary Hacking, VP Visitor Experience; Office 303.370.6486 :: Cell 303.588.0418
- Amanda Bennett, Director of Marketing; Office 303.370.6449 :: Cell 303.502.4345
- Maura O'Neal, Media Relations Manager; Office 303.370.6407 :: Cell: 303.507.6058

All media calls or e-mails should be routed immediately to the Marketing Department [Maura or Amanda] for handling. This includes reporter calls from: Newspapers, magazines, newsletters, news wire services, TV stations, radio stations and Internet sites.

If a reporter calls you directly, please ask the person to contact Maura O'Neal at (303) 370-6407 to arrange an interview. Then, please call Maura immediately to inform her about the media call. Never release information to the news media about the Museum or consent to an interview without consulting with the Museum's Marketing Department.

*Additional spokespeople will be assigned by the Marketing Department for temporary exhibitions, scientific inquiries, and other initiatives as necessary.

All stories [related to DMNS] for distribution through your organization's own communication channels must be approved by the Museum's Marketing staff.

If you require use of the Museum's digital assets in your story (photos, video, etc.), please make direct inquiries to Rene O'Connell, Image Archivist, at 303-370-8250 or rene.oconnell@dmns.org."

museum news and events

DMNS BOOK DRIVE: JANUARY 18 THRU FEBRUARY 1

Partnership Efforts with Reading Partners Colorado

Benefitting Columbine Elementary

It is finally time for our very first **DMNS Staff & Volunteer Book Drive** in partnership with **Reading Partners Colorado** and **Columbine Elementary**! We will be collecting new and gently used books for **grade levels K-4th** from

January 18, 2016 - February 1st, 2016.

There are two distinct ways you can donate. **Three collection bins** will be strategically placed in staff and volunteer only areas where you can drop off your donated books. In addition to bringing books to the designated collection bins, we also have a personalized **DMNS Amazon Wish List** focusing on informational and science related texts. Books purchased via this Wish List will ship directly to Reading Partners and stored there until we can take all donations to Columbine Elementary at the conclusion of the drive.

Collection Bins are located:

Copy Room in South East Office Area

Staff & Volunteer Lounge

Main Entrance to the North Basement Office Area

DMNS Amazon Wish List:

<http://amzn.com/w/1AHIJE9S22OF4>

Our goal is to collect **200 new and gently used books!** However, knowing the community

we have here at DMNS, I am certain we will far surpass our goal.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you begin to gather books for donation. We want to ensure that students continue to receive high-quality texts, are proud of the books they select, and thus enjoy their literacy efforts!

- Donations of both fiction and nonfiction texts are greatly appreciated.
- Please provide new or gently used texts. **Books that have been written in or have torn or ripped pages will not be circulated to students.**
- Religious texts will not be given out to students.
- Please refrain from donating activity books (with questions/ problems to solve) or coloring books.
- Please provide elementary school age appropriate books (ages 5-11).

Please, feel free to email me with any questions or concerns about the book drive and/or Reading Partners Colorado and I will be happy to provide more information. Also, be on the lookout for reminders and updates as we move forward with our drive.

Get excited for our first DMNS Staff & Volunteer Book Drive with Reading Partners Colorado, and thank you in advance for your generous support!

Click [here for book donation instructions](#) and [click here for a list of recommended texts](#).

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[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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