

Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium

Spring 2017 Schedule of Public Programs

Unless otherwise specified, doors open by 7:15 PM; programs begin at 7:30 PM.
Cost: \$5/adult; \$3 for students/seniors/teachers/military (cash/check only)

Friday, 13 January 2017: Juno @ Jupiter

King of the Solar System planets, magnificent in beauty... but how much do we really know about this gas giant planet? We've sent spacecrafts past it, placed spacecrafts in orbit around it, even dropped a probe into its turbulent atmosphere. What does the current Juno mission hope to teach us? On this evening, come experience Jupiter with us... in all its beauty, majesty, and mystery.

Friday, 3 February, 2017 (1st Friday of the month) - Chinese New Year

Celebrate the moon! Did you know that the Chinese New Year corresponds to the new moon between January 21 and February 22? That traditionally this is a time to honor deities as well as ancestors? Come, make way for good fortune with us, as we celebrate a few days after the official start of the New Year on 28 January. Doors open at 7:00 PM for special activities prior to the 7:30 PM planetarium presentation.

Friday, 10 March, 2017 - Figure It Out! (Women's Contributions to Astronomy)

Women in all fields have worked behind the scenes, their contributions to society often overlooked. This is true in the case of science as well. Tonight, we look at women's contributions to the field of astronomy, from historical figures to women actively working today. Doors open at 7:00 PM so you can walk through some of their stories prior to the planetarium program at 7:30 PM.

Friday, 7 April, 2017 (1st Friday of the month) - April Showers

Bring May flowers? How about the Lyrid meteor shower?! This night, we'll focus on the often "footnoted" region of the solar system: comets! What are their contributions to the field of astronomy and our overall view of the solar system? Explore the solar system in a whole new light!

Friday, 12 May, 2017 - Time and Space Warp

Let's explore science fiction travels through time and space, applying what we know about physics and space to speculate on how they might (or might not) work! Doors open at 7:00 PM for activities to help us explore some of these amazing concepts! Planetarium presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

