

Merrillville Community Planetarium
Public Planetarium Programs
2009-2010 School Year



All programs start at 7:30 p.m. The planetarium opens for seating 30 minutes before show time. No one is admitted after the program starts. Programs last from 60 to 90 minutes. Admission to public programs is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Seating is limited and should be reserved by calling (219) 650-5486 or visiting www.mcpstars.org. Tickets are available at the door. Large groups can arrange for a private show by calling the Planetarium Director at (219) 650-5486.

The planetarium's Gift Shop is open before and after each show. Weather permitting, an outdoor observing session is offered following each program. The planetarium is located in Clifford Pierce Middle School at 199 East 70th Avenue in Merrillville, Indiana. Please park and enter on the west side of the building.

MoonWitch

Friday, October 9, 16, 23, 30
Saturday, October 24, 31

While trick-or-treating on Halloween, Diane is frightened by stories told by her older brother of a "moon-witch". After returning home, Diane's mom and dad explain the nature of the moon and its changing appearance in the sky. Following the recorded program, the planetarium will show the skies of autumn.

Art for All Time

Friday, January 8, 15, 22, 29
Saturday, January 23, 30

As wanderers on this planet, we are struck by the beauty of the world around us. "Art for All Time" is a new program that explores how humans have captured this beauty in paintings throughout history. Explore this world of art in the midst of the winter blues and add some color to your palette with this unusual show.

Through the Eyes of Hubble

Friday, April 9, 16, 23, 30
Saturday, April 24, May 1

Since its launch in April 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has been one of the most important astronomical instruments available to astronomers. This program, produced in cooperation with the Space Telescope Science Institute, celebrates 20 years of discoveries made by Hubble.

The Summer Sky

Friday, July 9, 16, 23, 30
Saturday, July 24, 31

The warm nights of summer can be a wonderful time to explore the night sky. Learn about the bright stars and constellations visible during the summer. "The Summer Sky" will also show you how to find the planets Venus, Mars, and Saturn in the sky just after sunset.