

Merrillville Community Planetarium
Public Planetarium Programs
2019-2020 School Year



All programs start at 7:30 p.m. and 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 \$4.00 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 sold at the door. Groups may arrange for a private show by calling the planetarium at (219) 650-5486.

The planetarium's Gift Shop is open for 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.

The Autumn Sky

Friday, October 4, 11, 18
Saturday, October 12, 19

Fall is a great time to observe the night sky. Many bright stars and constellations are visible including the Summer Triangle, Pegasus the Winged Horse, and Andromeda the Chained Maiden. Plus, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible in the evening sky!

The Inner Solar System

Friday, January 10, 17, 24
Saturday, January 18, 25

This program explores the inner solar system, including the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars and the asteroid belt. Beginning with the formation of the solar system, we'll compare the inner and outer planets before exploring each of the planets near the sun and the asteroids.

Galaxies and the Universe

Friday, April 10, 17, 24
Saturday, April 18, 25

How big is the Universe? How many stars are there? What are galaxies? How did the Universe come to be? These are some of the questions that we will try to answer while exploring the skies of summer and fall. Along the way, we'll learn about the Milky Way, Andromeda Galaxy, and Big Bang theory.

Larry Cat in Space

Friday, July 10, 17, 24
Saturday, July 18, 25

Larry Cat is a curious feline whose human friend Diane is a geologist being sent to the moon. Larry is miserable until he gets an idea: follow Diane to the moon! Larry stows away aboard one of Diane's trunks and his adventure begins. "Larry Cat in Space" is a family program for children of all ages.