

SHOW SUMMARIES (age appropriate range in parentheses)

Andromeda: See “Light Years from Andromeda.”

Aurora (family show): Have you ever seen the “Northern Lights?” What causes them? How often do they appear? Learn the science and the mythology of the Aurora Borealis. Show includes an assortment of stunning aurora images.

Comet: From Ice to Fire: (family) They are the celestial harbingers of doom...the ice mountains in outer space..Follow a comet through the solar system and learn about their compositions and origins.

Dinosaurs (family show): An exciting new show about Dinosaurs. See and learn about the fearsome T-Rex, the Triceratops, the Brontosaurus, and the wide array of amazing creatures that ruled Earth millions of years ago.

Fires in the Sky (10-adult): The planetarium’s own show about the birth and death of stars. Learn the basics of stellar astronomy. Start at the Big Bang and explore the Universe of stars. Discover black holes, star clusters, supernovae and much more.

Images of the Infinite (10-adult): Explore deep space with the Hubble Space Telescope. See the latest images of star clusters, exploding stars, the Hubble Deep Field, colliding galaxies, and much more! This is the perfect show for those who want to discover the celestial treasures of the infinite.

In Search of New Worlds (9-adults) Join us at the cutting edge of astronomy as we search for planets around other stars. At present, astronomers have found scores of these extra-solar planets. How do they find them? How many might there be? Would any of them be like Earth? Are there other life forms, or, the show itself asks, “Are we alone?”

Invisible Universe: (10-adult): An exploration of the Universe in wavelengths of light that humans cannot see. Discover gamma ray bursters, radio galaxies, and the wide array of dynamic celestial sights that the human eye can’t observe.

Just Imagine (family): What if Earth had no Moon? Do aliens exist? What’s the fate of the Universe? Engage your imaginations as we learn about the Universe that never was..and the Universe as it might someday be.

LIGHT YEARS FROM ANDROMEDA: (9-adult) A beam of light leaves the Andromeda Galaxy 2.2 million light years distant. During its journey to our galaxy, we watch how humans evolve and develop. This amazing program introduces audiences to the concepts of light speed and human development.

Little Star That Could (4-7): We follow a little yellow star as it travels through the galaxy in pursuit of planets. Along the way, the little star will learn about the many different types of stars that exist in the Universe.

Mars Quest (10-adult): Have you ever wanted to travel to Mars? This red planet has inspired fear and wonderment in humanity for centuries. Once thought to have been inhabited by a hostile race of desperate aliens, Mars is known now to be devoid of life. In this program, we explore Mars...from its looming mountains to its scarred terrain

NEW!! MYTHOLOGY OF THE SKY: Hear the stories of the night sky in our star dome theatre. From the warrior Perseus to the conniving Cassiopeia; from the muses to Apollo to the Milky River of the Souls. This live action show takes you on an odyssey into the mythological sky.

Rusty Rocket’s Last Blast! (4-9): Join Rusty Rocket and his rocket rookies as they explore the solar system. This show combines slide characters and the latest planet images to give you and your family a fun and informative solar system tour.

Season of Light (family show): Our annual holiday show returns. Discover the astronomy and history of the holiday season. What was the Star of Bethlehem? What is the origin of the Christmas Tree and the Hanukkah Menorah? Who were the magi? See this delightful program and celebrate the season of light with the Southworth Planetarium.

The Star Gazer (9-adult): Learn the secrets of the stars with Dr. James Kaler. How are stars born? What makes them shine? Delve into stellar astronomy with the star gazer.

Zubenelgenubi’s magical sky (pre-school): Zubenelgenubi and his friends Hydro the Fire Hydrant and Tracy the telephone pole introduce your pre-schoolers to the sights of the day and night sky. Don’t forget to bring your imaginary paint brush!