

Merrillville Community Planetarium
Public Planetarium Programs
2017-2018 School Year



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. 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. 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.

Dawn of the Space Age

Friday, October 6, 13, 20
Saturday, October 14, 21

This fall is the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Space Age. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the first satellite into orbit around Earth. Dawn of the Space Age recreates historic moments from Sputnik to the Apollo moon landings to the Space Shuttle and International Space Station.

RingWorld

Friday, January 12, 19, 26
Saturday, January 20, 27

From July 2004 to September 2017, the Cassini space probe studied the atmosphere, rings, and moons of Saturn, "the Ring Planet". Cassini also carried a small probe name Huygens, which became the first spacecraft to land successfully on Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

Our Star, the Sun

Friday, April 13, 20, 27
Saturday, April 21, 28

Our Star, the Sun is a family presentation of one of the planetarium's school programs. During the show, S5-12, the planetarium's computer, tells us about the star that we depend on for light and heat. Find out how astronomers study stars and learn what stars are made of and how they shine.

The Summer Sky

Friday, July 13, 20, 27
Saturday, July 21, 28

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, Jupiter, and Saturn in the sky just after sunset.