

Merrillville Community Planetarium
Public Planetarium Programs
2018-2019 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.

All Systems Go!

Friday, October 5, 12, 19
Saturday, October 13, 20

October 2018 is the 60th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's origin. During this program, we'll look back at some of the milestone events in NASA's 60 year history, including the first Americans in space, landing on the moon, and exploration of our solar system.

The Winter Sky

Friday, January 11, 18, 25
Saturday, January 19, 26

The winter stars are among the brightest and most interesting of all the seasons. Orion, Taurus, Canis Major, and Gemini are all visible during the early evening. Other objects of interest include the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades star cluster, Mars after sunset, and Venus and Jupiter before sunrise.

Adventures Along the Spectrum

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

This is a family presentation of one of our school programs for 3rd to 5th grade. Professor Photon leads the audience on an adventure from the familiar world of visible light to the invisible and eerie realms of the energy spectrum. A look at the spring sky follows the main program.

Apollo 11: The First Landing on the Moon

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

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the moon! The moon landing was one of the greatest adventures of mankind. Feel the launch of the world's most powerful rocket, and watch as astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first humans to walk on the moon.