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The Winter Sky

The Merrillville Community Planetarium presents The Winter Sky, a public program beginning on January 11 and continuing through January 26. The show will be presented on Friday, January 11, 18, and 25, and Saturday, January 19 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Additional showings may be added if needed. The planetarium opens for seating 30 minutes before the show begins. No one will be admitted after the program starts. The program lasts from 60 to 90 minutes.

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. The planetarium's Gift Shop will be open and, weather permitting, an outdoor observing session will be offered following the program.

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 the planetarium's web site at **www.mcpstars.org**. Tickets are sold at the door. Groups may arrange for a private show by calling the planetarium at (219) 650-5486.

This is the second of four public programs for the 2018-2019 school year. Our next public show will be "Adventures Along the Spectrum" in April 2019. For more information about the planetarium, visit **www.mcpstars.org**. 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.