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## Galaxies and the Universe

The Merrillville Community Planetarium presents Galaxies and the Universe, a public program beginning on April 10 and continuing through April 25. The show will be presented on Friday, April 10, 17, and 24, and Saturday, April 18 and 25 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.

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. 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](http://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 third of four public programs for the 2019-2020 school year. Our next public show will be "Larry Cat in Space" in July 2020. For more information about the planetarium, visit **[www.mcpstars.org](http://www.mcpstars.org)**. The planetarium is located in Clifford Pierce Middle School at 199 East 70th Avenue in Merrillville, Indiana. Please park and enter at the south end of the building.