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The Inner Solar System

The Merrillville Community Planetarium presents The Inner Solar System, a public program beginning on January 10 and continuing through January 25. The show will be presented on Friday, January 10, 17, and 24, and Saturday, January 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.

This program explores the inner solar system, including the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars and the asteroid belt. Beginning with the formation of the solar system, we'll compare the inner and outer planets before exploring each of the planets near the sun and the asteroids. 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 2019-2020 school year. Our next public show will be "Galaxies and the Universe" in April 2020. 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 at the south end of the building.