Scobee Education Center at San Antonio College

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Scobee Planetarium Program Guide Kindergarten – 2nd Grade 2026-2027 School Year

Dear Educator,

The Scobee Education Center would like to invite you to join us as we embark upon celestial adventures under the dome of the Scobee Planetarium, or a simulated mission in our state-of-the-art Challenger Learning Center and the Prek-3rd grade experience in the Santikos Micronaut Center. Aligned to the TEKS, Scobee experiences will reinforce your lessons and open doorways for new learning connections.

The Scobee Planetarium has been located at San Antonio College since 1961 and has undergone a series of renovations to install a new Digistar 2026 projection system with higher resolution and dynamic, brighter colors. We offer a variety of presentations suitable for grades pre-K through 12th. Studying astronomy and space science in the planetarium dome takes learning into a new dimension. Up to 100 adventurers may rocket through the solar system with animated tour guides, sail through the constellations of the night sky or take a precarious journey into a black hole. There is a rich library of programs to choose from including programs for both children and adults.

The Challenger Learning Center is a unique interactive simulator where 20-34 participants become immersed in the roles of astronauts, scientists, doctors, and engineers in mission control or aboard a spacecraft traveling to the Martian Moon of Phobos or low-earth orbit to the International Space Station. Communication and interpersonal teamwork skills are reinforced through every aspect of the mission as the crew is immersed in hands-on role-playing in our next generation Challenger simulator. This experience is designed for 5th graders through adults.

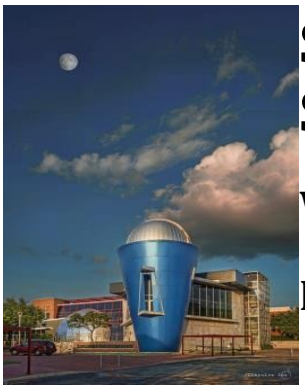
The Santikos Micronaut Center flies four-year olds through 3rd grader missions designed by a "Dream Team" of early childhood educators and community stakeholders. This immersive experience is built upon the TEKS, and STEAM outcomes prioritized by this team of experts. A class of up to 24 students work in pairs across 12 uniquely designed workstations that thematically represent living and working on board the International Space Station.

Our center reservation secretary, Lynn Linkes, will help you select available dates, times and grade appropriate programs. You may register for planetarium programs, Challenger Learning Center or Santikos Micronaut missions or combinations of both depending upon the ages, size of your group and pricing. For reservations or questions, contact Lynn Linkes at 210-486-0100 or e-mail her at sac- ScobeeCtr@alamo.edu.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your students to introduce them to the "out of this world" experience at the Scobee Education Center.

Sincerely,

Rick Varner
Center Director



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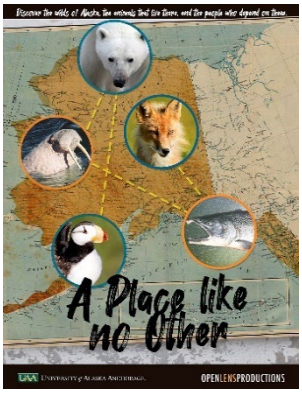
What's New for 2026-2027!

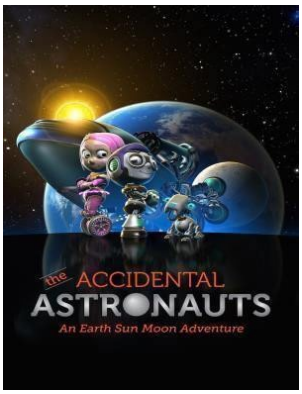
Planetarium Program Descriptions, TEKS, and Directions

Our planetarium programs are designed to be "grade-specific." If you have questions about program content and which show to choose, ask our reservation secretary, Lynn Linkes at 210-486-0100. Although each show listed has a different "run-time," plan on about fifty minutes in the planetarium per program. You may select two shorter presentations within the total 50-minute program time. Currently available shows are listed in alphabetical order.

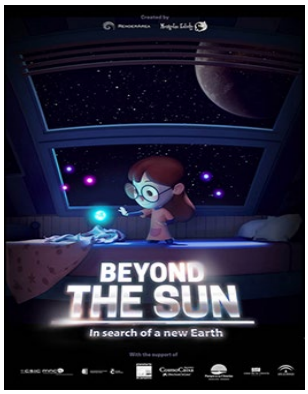
Full Dome Videos



"A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER" – Grades 2nd and above. Alaska is a place like no other. For many people a trip to Alaska is a life-long dream. For the people who live here, they depend on and protect an enduring way of life. But there are places in Alaska so remote, so wild, that few people have ever gone. Here we're going to take you to these places, to the remote wilderness to see iconic animals and landscapes that define the Last Frontier, places that make up Alaska. Duration: 29 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLY6vcZ51po

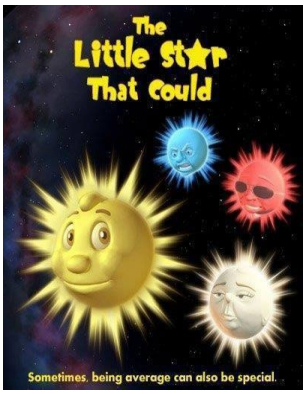


"ACCIDENTAL ASTRONAUTS" (ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH) – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. Follow the adventures of Cy and Annie and their dog Armstrong as they embark on an unexpected journey into space! Explore the Earth, Sun, and Moon system with a wise-cracking starship computer. Bounce along with them on the surface of the Moon. Get up close and personal with a solar storm. And gain a new appreciation of our home planet. "The Accidental Astronauts" is a space adventure for all ages. Duration: 32 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdM8RvUbHPM



"BEYOND THE SUN" (ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH) – Grades 1st – 5th. While Celeste is fighting off sleep in her room by reading a book on astronomy, she receives an unexpected visit from Moon. Together they will enjoy a journey through the Universe to discover what exoplanets are and how they can be detected. They observe rogue planets, oceanic worlds, and super-Earths. Moon tells her about exoplanets hunters, who observe the sky in search of planets like Earth. Duration: 26 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kADBen_AQY

"FORWARD TO THE MOON" – Grades 2nd and above. Kari Byron from Crash Test World and MythBusters launches us on a journey beyond the Earth towards a sustainable future in space. NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess and twin of Apollo, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the first woman and person of color on the surface of the Moon. Produced by Fiske Planetarium in collaboration with TEND Studio. Duration: 26 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvK2YLcK4jw

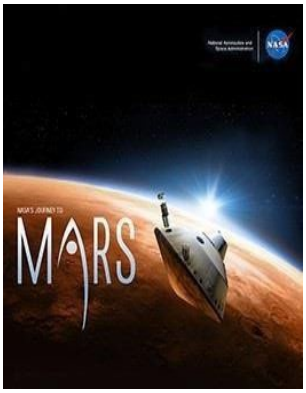


"THE LITTLE STAR THAT COULD" (ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH) – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. "The Little Star That Could" is a story about Little Star, an average yellow star in search for planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars combine to form star clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds his planets. Each planet is introduced to the audience along with basic information about our Solar System. "Little Star" features exquisite digital animation should prove a success with our youngest audiences. Duration: 36 minutes. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErTwG8U_lt0

"MAX GOES TO THE MOON" – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. Max (the dog) and a young girl named Tori take the first trip to the Moon since the Apollo era. Along the way, the story sets the stage for the more sophisticated science of the "Big Kid Box" sidebars, which cover topics including "Phases of the Moon," "Wings in Space," and "Frisbees and Curve Balls on the Moon" — all thoughtfully explained so that grownups and children can learn together about science. Toward the end, Max and Tori's trip proves so inspiring to people back on Earth that all the nations of the world come together to build a great Moon colony from which "the beautiful views of Earth from the Moon made everyone realize that we all share a small and precious planet. Duration: 21 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQSTSHDhVE4

"NASA'S, THE FUTURE OF HUMAN EXPLORATION" (ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH) – Grades 2nd and above. Now that the Space Shuttle era is over, NASA is writing the next chapters in human Spaceflight with its commercial and international partners. It is advancing research and technology on the International Space Station, opening low-Earth orbit to US industry, and pushing the frontiers of deep space even farther all the way to Mars! Duration: 12 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zsf4NXcE4Qg

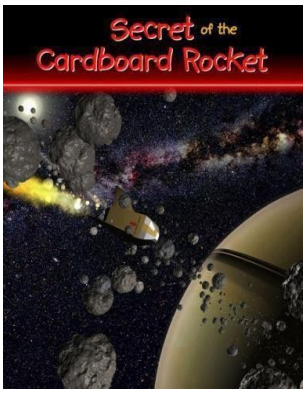
"NASA'S, INTERNATION SPACE STATION" – Grades 2nd and above. In 1998, assembly began in space on a satellite that would be second in size and radiance only to the Moon…NASA's International Space Station. Completed in the 21st Century, the International Space Station's role in the development of your future as well as that of the United States space program is enormous. Many things learned in space are already benefiting life right here on Earth. Ultimately this satellite will be the springboard enabling nations around the world to prepare to take the next giant leap past our Moon and into the Solar System. Today NASA and the International Space Station invite you to join us for the first opportunity in history to participate in the academic challenges and commercial opportunities available as NASA travels beyond Earth to understand and explore the Solar System. Duration: 12 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfYJEI6KjFg



"NASA'S, JOURNEY TO MARS" – Grades 2nd and above. Prepare your students for STEM-related career opportunities in the future. Interest them in pushing the boundaries of technology and innovation. NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Have your students join NASA in preparing for a monumental journey of a lifetime – to Mars! Duration: 11 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cafLyEU9Y50

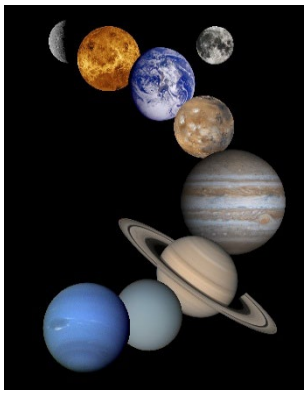
"ONE WORLD, ONE SKY – BIG BIRD'S ADVENTURE" (ALSO AVAILABLE IN SPANISH) – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. The show follows Sesame Street's Big Bird and Elmo as they explore the night sky with Hu Hu Zhu, a Muppet from Zhima Jie, the Chinese co-production of Sesame Street. Together, they take an imaginary trip from Sesame Street to the Moon, where they discover how different it is from Earth. On World, One Sky is a brilliant spectacle of light and color as the furry friends watch the stars twinkle over Sesame Street. Children attending the show can interact as they watch, drawing constellations, and counting the time it takes the Sun to set. Duration: 27minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnrRfK91-LU

"PERFECT LITTLE PLANET" – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. Imagine the ultimate space vacation! Discover our solar system through a new set of eyes – a family from another star system seeking the perfect vacation spot. Fly over the surface of Pluto, our best-known Dwarf Planet. Dive over the ice cliffs of Miranda. Sail through the rings of Saturn. Feel the lightning storms of Jupiter. And walk on the surface of Mars. Which destination would you choose? A solar system journey for space travelers of all ages. Duration: 38 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EL2t-tK8TeU



"SECRET OF THE CARDBOARD ROCKET" – Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd. Prepare for blast-off! "Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" is a children's show. Embark on a celestial adventure as two children spend a night touring the solar system inside their "cardboard spaceship" guided by their navigator – a talking astronomy book. Produced with state of the art animation, astronauts young and old will enjoy this imaginary journey to the sun and each of the planets. Even recently reclassified Pluto is not forgotten in our journey. Duration: 41 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbYRmjYQgRw

Live Lectures



"PARADE OF THE PLANETS – Grades 2nd and above. "PARADE OF THE PLANETS" takes the audience on a "live" tour of the solar system. The show highlights unique features of each planet as well as a few of the spacecraft that have visited each of the planets. Touring the Solar System is a "live" lecture. This program is recommended if you have a wide variety of ages attending the planetarium. Duration: 45 minutes.

"THE SKY TONIGHT" – Grades 2nd and above. "THE SKY TONIGHT" takes the audience on a "live" tour of the wonders of the San Antonio night sky. This program highlights the Moon, the visible evening and morning planets, plus identifies several of the brightest stars and constellations in the current night sky. Plus, any special celestial events are also highlighted. This program is recommended if you have a wide variety of ages attending the planetarium. Duration: 45 minutes.

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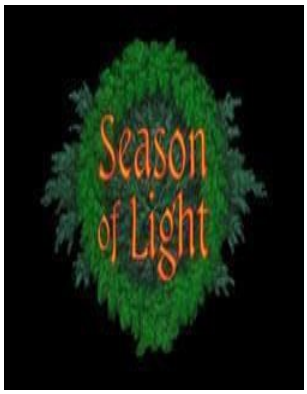

"SEASON OF LIGHT" – Grades 1st and above. "Season of Light" is a program about the coldest and darkest of seasons — a time which holds some of the warmest and brightest celebrations of the year. This presentation traces the history and development of many of the world's most endearing holiday customs, all of which involve lighting up the winter season — from the burning Yule log, sparkling Christmas tree lights and candles in windows, to the lighting of luminarias in the American Southwest and the traditional ritual of the Hanukkah Menorah. The show also recounts the historical religious and cultural rituals practiced during the time of winter solstice — not only Christian and Jewish, but also Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi Indian. It also takes a look at some of our more light-hearted seasonal traditions: from gift-giving and kissing under the mistletoe, to songs about lords a-leaping and ladies dancing, and the custom of decking the halls with greenery and candles. St. Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, and Santa Claus all drop by as well. Naturally, there is astronomy in "Season of Light." Audiences learn a selection of Northern Hemisphere winter constellations, and find out why we even have seasons, as we demonstrate the Sun's path across the sky throughout the year, and the Earth's tilt and orbit around the Sun. And of course, the program explores the possible astronomical explanations for a "Star over Bethlehem." Could the "star" have been a comet, meteor, novae and supernovae, or conjunction of planets? All this and more are explored in our special presentation, "Season of Light." This program is narrated by Noah Adams, host of National Public Radio's, "All Things Considered." Duration: 35 minutes.
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCQhNhYAx4E

SCIENCE TEKS (Adopted 2021)

Science TEKS	A Place Like No Other	Accidental Astronauts	Beyond the Sun	Forward to the Moon	The Little Star that Could	Max Goes to the Moon	NASA The Future of Human Exploration	NASA International Space Station	NASA Journey to Mars
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Science TEKS	One World, One Sky	Perfect Little Planet	Secret of the Cardboard Rocket	Parade of the Planets	The Sky Tonight
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