



LAFAYETTE SCIENCE MUSEUM

April is Global Astronomy Month. It's a great time to come to a planetarium program or look through a telescope!

**Astronomy Activities
April, May, & June, 2014**

Evening Sidewalk Astronomy

Friday, April 11: Downtown Alive

Weather permitting, the planetarium will have a telescope near the Polk Street entrance to Parc International in downtown Lafayette from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. with a nice twilight view of the nearly full moon, Jupiter, and perhaps Mars. Free.

Saturday, May 10: ArtWalk

Weather permitting, the planetarium will have a telescope near the fountain in Parc Sans Souci from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for viewing of the moon and Jupiter during twilight. Free.

Saturday, June 14: ArtWalk

Weather permitting, the planetarium will have a telescope on the Jefferson Street sidewalk about a half block from the Museum from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We'll have safe solar observing until the sun sets behind a building about 7:00 p.m., and then we'll see if we can find Jupiter during twilight. Free.

Lunchtime Sidewalk Astronomy

Watch for one of the planetarium's telescopes by the Museum at the corner of Jefferson and Congress Streets. See a safely filtered view of the sun and any sunspots that day!

Date: every clear Wednesday, June – August

Time: Lunchtime, approximately noon – 1 p.m.

Ages: All welcome

Cost: Free!

Spring Star Party and Telescope Fair

If it's a clear evening, we'll set up telescopes near the parking lot at Picard Park for public observing of the moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and more. If you have binoculars or a telescope you already know how to use, bring it and join the fun! If you don't have a telescope, come anyway and use one of ours! Meet other people with an interest in astronomy, share your knowledge, and learn something all at the same time. Because of possible mosquitoes, wearing long pants, long sleeves, socks, and closed-toe shoes is highly recommended. Don't forget your bug spray! People bringing a telescope should call the planetarium by April 30 at 291-5547 for more information. No alcohol or controlled substances, please, and use only flashlights that give off red light.

Location: Picard Park, near the ball fields and tennis courts (enter from Rue Fosse)
Date: Saturday, May 3
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Ages: All welcome
Fee: Free

Directions to Picard Park

Go west out of town on Kaliste Saloom until it ends at a stop sign at E. Broussard. Turn left and go 1.9 miles, then turn right on Rue Fosse. Picard Park is a half mile down Rue Fosse on the left.

Globe at Night — at Home!

Globe at Night is a worldwide study of light pollution and its effect on the night sky. By making and reporting simple observations of well-known constellations from your home, you can provide some of the data scientists need. There are worldwide Globe at Night campaigns every month, and the next dates are April 20 – 29, May 19 – 28, and June 17– 26. For further information and to download a Family Activity Packet suitable for families and school classes, go to the Globe at Night web site at <http://www.globeatnight.org/>.

The Telescope Line and Facebook

If the weather's bad, has a telescope viewing been cancelled? Call 337-291-5544 during Museum hours to find out! Cancellations will also be announced on the Lafayette Science Museum Facebook page.