

ADLER 75

AMERICA'S FIRST PLANETARIUM

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MEDIA ADVISORY

CELEBRATE NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY AT THE ADLER ON SATURDAY, MAY 6

Enjoy Free Family Activities and Enter to Win a Free Telescope!

Celebrate National Astronomy Day at the Adler Planetarium on Saturday, May 6. This year's focus will be on our brightest neighbor, the Sun! Don't miss all of the fun family activities and demonstrations taking place throughout the day. All activities are free with paid building admission and weather permitting.

Family-friendly activities include solar viewing on the south terrace, Make Your Own Ultraviolet Bead Bracelet, Become a Solar Scientist, Make a Shadow Clock and much more. Look for the special Contest Sign-Up Table to register to participate in a Solar Oven Heating Contest and Solar Car Races.

Special guest Adler Astronomer Dr. Doug Roberts will explain the mysteries behind eclipses and what causes them. Audience members will be invited to demonstrate different types of eclipses and phases of the Moon.

Also make sure to check out the Astronomy Connections Student Projects on Display. Students from around Chicagoland have been participating in a project to investigate solar energy. The students have invented tools that use solar energy and will exhibit their projects at the Adler.

Visitors to National Astronomy Day will receive free materials from Astronomy magazine, including Cosmic Tour posters and "The Best of Ask Astro" and "The 2006 Guide to the Night Sky" booklets (while supplies last). Head to the Adler's Infinity Shop and enter to win a free Meade ETX 90AT telescope or one of three free one-year subscriptions to Astronomy Magazine!

EVENT: NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 6

11 am – 3 pm

LOCATION: ADLER PLANETARIUM – 1300 South Lake Shore Drive

ACTIVITIES (free with paid general admission – weather permitting):

- **11 am – 3 pm:**
 - **Solar Viewing on the South Terrace**
 - **Doane Observatory tours**
 - **Astronomy Connection Student Solar Energy Projects on Display**
 - **Fun Family activities: Make an Ultraviolet Light-Sensitive Bracelet, Solar Fingerprints, Make a Shadow Clock, The Colorful Frisbee, Make Your Own Ultraviolet Light Detector and more!**
- **12 – 2 pm: Solar Oven Contests and Solar Car Races**
- **1:30 pm: Adler Astronomer Dr. Doug Roberts Explains Eclipses**
- **3 pm: Prize Drawings (winners need not be present)**

Astronomy Day is a nationwide collaboration between Astronomy Magazine, Meade Telescopes and 29 of the country's most prestigious science museums.

The Adler – America's First Planetarium – was founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler. The Adler is home to two full-size planetarium theaters, including the world's first StarRider Theater, and one of the world's most important antique instrument collections. The Adler is a recognized leader in science education, with a focus on inspiring young people, particularly women and minorities, to pursue careers in science.