

Adler's 'Scopes in the City Program Brings the Universe to You -Free Telescope Observing at Locations throughout Chicagoland-

June 1, 2018- This summer, Adler Planetarium astronomers and educators are bringing the museum—and the Universe—closer to you with our 'Scopes in the City free telescope observing program. 'Scopes travels to public libraries, parks, neighborhoods, and (new this year) tap rooms throughout Chicagoland, giving everyone the opportunity to lookup with us and experience the wonder and awe of the sky we all share.

In addition to viewing celestial objects through telescopes, 'Scopes in the City participants may also experience a facilitated science activity or an informal Q&A with an astronomer over the course of one to two hours. Depending on the location, date, time, and weather, guests may be able to observe the Sun, Moon, or a bright planet such as Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, or Mars.



Many 'Scopes guests don't have the opportunity to visit the Adler Planetarium often, and most have never experienced looking through a telescope before. As part of our commitment to reach more guests beyond the museum walls, the program was piloted in 2014 and officially debuted in 2015. It got a major boost last year when an anonymous donor generously gifted the Adler \$1 million to further its public observing programs. 'Scopes is also supported by founding donor, the Petrovich Family Foundation.

'Scopes in the City has twenty-eight dates currently set for June-September viewing, but operates on a year round schedule. All 'Scopes events are weather permitting. Cancellations or date changes are posted on the Adler site and Facebook page about 24 hours prior to the event. For more information, and the complete 'Scopes in the City schedule, visit: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/education/scopes-in-the-city/>.

About the Adler Planetarium:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, almost 600,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us. 📍