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THE SCOBEE EDUCATION CENTER & PLANETARIUM Summer 2025 Friday Night Public Show Schedule

Public shows at the Scobee Planetarium are presented only on Friday evenings.

Locating the Planetarium The Scobee Education Center is located toward the center of campus across from the Candler Gym complex. Free parking is available in parking garage #3 located to the right from SAC's west campus entrance at the traffic light near W. Myrtle St and San Pedro Ave. Some mapping apps will locate this intersection at 1198 San Pedro Ave. The phone number is 210-486-0100.

Google Map: https://tinyurl.com/y7w7znqz

****** 8:00 p.m. – **"THE SKY TONIGHT"** – *Children must be 6 and above to attend*. This program takes the audience on a "live" tour of the wonders of the San Antonio sky. The show highlights the Moon, the evening and morning planets, plus we'll identify several of the brightest stars and constellations visible in the current sky. The Sky Tonight is a "live" lecture. Show duration: 45-50 minutes.

**This show is always provided as scheduled. All other shows will change monthly.

MAY 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

6:30 p.m. – **"PERFECT LITTLE PLANET"** – *This is our family show. All ages may attend.* A family from another star system is embarking on the ultimate space vacation looking for the perfect spot to rest and relax. Join them and see the solar system from a distinctly different point of view. *Show duration: 40 minutes. Tickets go on sale at 6:00PM.*

9:30 p.m. – **"THE DARK MATTER MYSTERY"** – *Children must be 6 and above to attend.* What keeps galaxies together? What are the building blocks of the Universe? What makes the Universe look the way it looks today? Researchers all around the world try to answer these questions. We know today that approximately a quarter of the Universe is filled with a mysterious glue: Dark Matter. We know that it is out there. But we have no idea what it is made of. The show takes you on the biggest quest of contemporary astrophysics. You will see why we know that Dark Matter exists, and how this search is one of the most challenging and exciting searches science has to offer. Show duration: 40 minutes. Tickets go on sale at 9:00pm.

JUNE 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

6:30 p.m. – "ONE WORLD, ONE SKY – BIG BIRD'S ADVENTURE" – *This is our family show. All ages may attend*. 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. *Show duration: 32 minutes.*

9:30 p.m. - DOUBLE FEATURE, "SEVEN WONDERS AND "TALES OF THE MAYA SKIES"

"SEVEN WONDERS – *Children must be 6 and above to attend.* Turn back the pages of time and witness the ancient wonders of the world as they appeared thousands of years ago. Explore the great pyramids, stand in the shadow of the towering Colossus, and experience the rest of the wonders that shaped our history. From there, we will get of glimpse of some of the universe's greatest wonders.

"TALES OF THE MAYA SKIES" – Children must be 6 and above to attend. Come experience a digital full-dome production that immerses the audience into the Maya astronomy, art and culture through a custom music score and computer visuals. Come explore the beauty of Chichén Itzá, Mexico, the "seventh wonder of the modern world." Show duration for double feature: 1 hour.

JULY 11th, 18th, and 25th

6:30 p.m. – "LITTLE STAR THAT COULD" – *This is our family show. All ages may attend.* "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. *Show duration: 36 minutes.*

July Continued:

9:30 p.m. - DOUBLE FEATURE, "SECRETS OF THE SUN AND WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE"

"SECRETS OF THE SUN – Children must be 6 and above to attend. An intimate look at the role the Sun plays in the life of our solar system. From the nuclear forces churning at the heart of the Sun to the mass ejections of solar material into surrounding space, we experience the power of the Sun and its impact on the planets and ultimately life on Earth.

"WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE" – Children must be 6 and above to attend. Peer deep into space through the eyes of the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope and travel back billions of years in time to witness the birth of the universe. On this breathtaking excursion you'll witness the formation of galaxies and explore some of the most wondrous nebulae and astronomical structures yet discovered. Show duration for double feature: 1 hour.

AUGUST 1st, 8th, and 15th

6:30 p.m. – **"ACCIDENTAL ASTRONAUTS"** *This is our family show. All ages may attend.* 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. *Show duration: 40 minutes.*

9:30 p.m. - DOUBLE FEATURE, "SECRET LIVES OF STARS" AND "VIOLENT UNIVERSE"

"SECRET LIVES OF STARS" – Children must be 6 and above to attend. Not all stars are created equal. Some are massive. Others are tiny; almost insignificant. The specific characteristics of a star will determine what type of life it will lead, how long it might live and even the type of death it will die. We will witness the amazing variety of stars and peer into their secret lives.

"VIOLENT UNIVERSE" – Children must be 6 and above to attend. The beauty of a starlit sky conceals the violent forces at work within our universe. From the upheaval of a giant star that explodes to release its material into space, to a future encounter between the Earth and a large asteroid that passes too close for comfort, we will witness that hold the universe together and occasionally try to rip it apart. Show duration for double feature: 1 hour. Tickets go on sale at 9:00pm.

Shows start promptly and late admission is not permitted. Tickets are sold with selected seating.

Online ticket sales begin the Saturday prior to each Friday night. Online pricing is children \$5.00 and adults \$6.00 per show. On site Lackey Camp-Casper Ticket booth sales begin at 6:00pm on Friday evening.

Parents, please do not ask us to waive the age restrictions for the 8:00pm and 9:30pm shows. On-site Ticket Prices

Children under 17 - \$5.00 per showAdults ages 18 and above - \$6.00 per showSeniors 65 and above - \$5.00 per showMilitary and Educators with ID - \$5.00 per showStudents, faculty, & staff of Alamo Colleges\$3.00 per show with current ID.When available, Scalan Observatory viewing\$3.00 per person for 9:30 and 10:30 groups.

SUMMER PLANETARIUM CLOSURES & EVENTS

June 19th – Center Closed for Juneteenth Federal Holiday

July 3rd & 4th – Center Closed in celebration of Independence Day

August 22nd – Closed to the Public

Welcome Back Teachers: You Are Go for Launch! *Educators Invitation Event* August 16th – August 29th Center closed to the public for SAC intersession and planetarium maintenance

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