

## Stare into the Sun at Astronomy Days 2017

- WHAT:** Local media are invited to attend: **Astronomy Days at the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton (TWOSE).**
- WHEN:** **Saturday, April 29, 2017**
- WHERE:** 11211 142 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 4A1
- WHY:** We live under a wide open sky full of countless brilliant stars, unexplored planets, faraway galaxies and yet uncharted space. Let's share our passion, wonder and awe as we celebrate International Astronomy Day. on
- HOW:** In celebration of International Astronomy Day, the Edmonton Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) will offer an expanded version of its ongoing public education program, established in partnership with TWOSE and the science centre's RASC Observatory.

**Activities include:**

- 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Displays, Exhibits and Children's Interactive Activities in the Lobby (free)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. RASC Observatory Open for solar observing\*
- 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for night sky observing.
- Presentations in TWOSE's Winspear Learning Centres\*\*
  - 12:30 p.m. "How Astronomers Determine Distances to Celestial Objects" with John Chenier
  - 1:30 p.m. "Not Your Mainstream Apollo Program Presentation" with Geoff Robertson
  - 2:30 p.m. "The Scale of the Universe" with Dr. Sharon Morsink

\*All RASC Observatory activities are weather permitting.

\*\*Science Centre Admission required.

- VISUALS:** From 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. guests will participate in a variety of engaging, hands-on and interactive activities. Each different activity lends itself to a unique photo opportunity, such as:
- Families and children using high-powered telescopes at the RASC Observatory.
  - Families and children using solar filters to view the sun.
  - Families and children learning how to use telescopes and identify objects in the sky.
  - Compelling speakers and presentations.

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## **About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton**

TELUS World of Science - Edmonton is a world-class, broad-based science centre that inspires and motivates people to learn about and contribute to science and technology. TELUS World of Science - Edmonton is a leader in providing high quality, interactive programs and exhibits that provide an avenue for both learning and entertainment, and which spark the imagination of people of all ages. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science - Edmonton.