

Celebrate International Astronomy Day

- WHAT:** Local media are invited to attend: **International Astronomy Day at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.**
- WHEN:** **Saturday, May 11, 2019**
- 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.
- HOW:** Festivities include special displays and activities facilitated by TELUS World of Science, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – Edmonton Chapter (RASC), and the Edmonton Rocketry Club (ERC). In addition, the RASC Observatory will be open, with volunteers available to answer questions and provide tours of the day and night sky. The science centre will host special themed programming, including astronomical activities at the *Command Centre* inside the *S.P.A.C.E. Gallery*, as well as multiple showings of the new *Zeidler Dome* show, *Legends of the Northern Sky*.

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Astronomical activities at TELUS World of Science - Edmonton*
- 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Displays, Exhibits and Interactive Activities in the Lobby (free)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. RASC Observatory Open for solar observing (free)**
- 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. RASC Observatory Open for night sky observing (free)**

*Science Centre Admission required.

**All RASC Observatory activities are weather permitting.

- 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 engaging with displays of astrophotography, rockets and fun hands-on activities.
 - 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.

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TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans’ hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.