

Planetarium Programs

First Friday NatureSphere Nights

5 yrs + / 1st Fri of each month / \$6

Experience the wonders of space in the comfort of the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater. Join us as we explore our universe - from planets to constellations to black holes. All features preceded by a "What's In the Sky Tonight?" presentation. Children must be over the age of five and accompanied by an adult. Choose from among the dates and times below. Pre-register to secure your tickets.

Early shows

RP4800.801 Jun 1 6:30-7:30 PM
 RP4800.803 Jul 6 6:30-7:30 PM
 RP4800.805 Aug 3 6:30-7:30 PM

Late shows

RP4800.802 Jun 1 8-9 PM
 RP4800.804 Jul 6 8-9 PM
 RP4800.806 Aug 3 8-9 PM

The Universe Through Little Eyes

3-5 yrs / 2nd & 4th Sat of each month / \$3 with paid admission or RNC annual pass

From the comfort of Robinson Nature Center's NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater, your child will enjoy an out-of this world experience. Your little one will be able to tour the night sky and then follow the journey of "The Little Star That Could" to different planets. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Choose from among the dates below.

Program will run from **11-11:30 AM** on the following summer Saturdays:

RP4802.801 Jun 9
 RP4802.802 Jun 23
 RP4802.803 Jul 14

RP4802.804 Jul 28
 RP4802.805 Aug 11
 RP4802.806 Aug 25

Space - The Final Frontier

5 yrs + / 2nd & 4th Sat of each month / \$3 with paid admission or RNC annual pass

Space holds many mysteries that you can explore right here in Howard County. From the comfort of the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater, tour our seasonal skies without the interference of light pollution, and then explore the cosmos through one of our full-dome feature films. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Choose from among the dates below.

Program will run from **1-2 PM** on the following summer Saturdays:

RP4801.801 Jun 9
 RP4801.802 Jun 23
 RP4801.803 Jul 14

RP4801.804 Jul 28
 RP4801.805 Aug 11
 RP4801.806 Aug 25

Full-Dome Movies

"Black Holes" Full-Dome Feature

10 yrs + / 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat of each month / \$3 with paid admission or RNC annual pass

Witness the birth of a black hole, journey past the event horizon, experience the formation of the Milky Way and learn about the monstrous black hole that lurks at its core. This feature film will play in the NatureSphere digital planetarium. No registration is required. Tickets are sold at the front desk. Film will be shown from 1:30-2 PM on the following summer Saturdays: **Jun 2, 16 & 30, Jul 7 & 21, Aug 4 & 18.**

"Zula Patrol, Down to Earth" Full-Dome Feature

3 yrs + / 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat of each month / \$3 with paid admission or RNC annual pass

Join in the Zula Patrol's fun-filled adventure through time to different stages of the Earth's development to capture Deliria Delight. This feature film will play in the NatureSphere digital planetarium. No registration is required. Tickets are sold at the front desk. Film will be shown from **11:30 AM-Noon** on the following summer Saturdays: **Jun 2, 16 & 30, Jul 7 & 21, Aug 4 & 18.**

Nature Programs and Events

Discovery Days

3-7 yrs / 1st & 3rd Sat of each month / Free with paid admission or RNC annual pass

Every weekend holds a new natural discovery for your little one with the Discovery Days program. Discovery Days is a half-hour, drop-in activity (no registration required) that introduces your child to Maryland plants and animals through stories, puppet shows, games or craft activities. Themes and activities vary by week. Program is available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 12 children each Saturday. Programs will be held from **10:30-11 AM** on the following summer Saturdays: **Jun 2 & 16, Jul 7 & 21, Aug 4 & 18.**

Yoga Through Nature

16 yrs + / 8 wks, starting Jun 3 / \$120

Both nature and yoga have the power to restore one's sense of being and place in the world. Learn yoga postures and breathing techniques to help you de-stress while building strength and stretching stiff muscles. Deepen your connection to the beauty and strength of the natural world through guided meditations and grounding poses. Beginning and ongoing students are welcome. Yoga mats/blocks provided. Summer session runs from June 3 - July 29. **(No class 6/17.)**

RP4811.801 3-4:15 PM Su

Insect Extravaganza

All ages / Jul 8 / \$5, RNC annual pass holders; \$10, general admission; Free for children under 3

Summer hums with the excitement of insect symphonies. Bring your family out for an incredible afternoon of fun-filled activities that highlight our six-legged friends. Your guide will lead you on an exploration of the forest and gardens. Help collect and identify butterflies for Howard County's butterfly count. Search the stream for aquatic insects. Get your face painted, create special crafts and join in games. From dragonflies to cicadas and honey bees to butterflies, this extravaganza will be buzzing with excitement. RNC annual pass holders must call the nature center at (410) 313-0400 to register for the reduced price. To facilitate on-site parking, please register for one of five staggered arrival times.

RP4828.801 Jul 8 12:30 PM RP4828.804 Jul 8 2 PM
 RP4828.802 Jul 8 1 PM RP4828.805 Jul 8 2:30 PM
 RP4828.803 Jul 8 1:30 PM

Wildlife Photography Workshop

16 yrs + / 3 sessions, dates below / \$60

If you have ever tried to capture wildlife on camera, you know that the picture often doesn't turn out the way you had planned. In this informative three-part workshop, members of the Central Maryland Photographers' Guild will share tips on how to best capture wildlife images. Learn techniques that help you to be less noticeable to wildlife and help you to compose pictures quickly. Learn where to look, and at what time of day. Each session will concentrate on techniques, give time for practice outside, and provide opportunity for sharing, feedback and constructive critique among class participants.

RP4832.801 July 14, 21, & 28 9:30-11:30 AM Sa

Bugs and Bats Night Out

7 yrs+ / Jul 28 / \$8

The night is alive in the summer with the sounds of insects and the flight of bats. Come explore the forest depths and river edges at the Robinson Nature Center in search of moths, bats and other amazing insects. Let RNC naturalists guide you under the light of the moon in this nocturnal adventure. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RP4804.801 Jul 28 7:45-9:15 PM Sa

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Hours of Operation

Wed-Sat 9 AM-5 PM
Sun Noon-5 PM

Daily General Admission*

Adults \$5
Children (3-17 years) \$3
Children under 3 years Free

Annual and Lifetime passes are also available.

**Admission is complimentary for individuals and families every Wednesday. Group visits must be scheduled in advance and are subject to admission fees.*



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