

# Pre-/Post-Visit Opportunities

In conjunction with the 2009 MAPS Conference

May 13-16, 2009

Arriving before check-in time on Wednesday, May 13? Staying for an extra day after the conference ends on Saturday, May 16? Our planetarium colleagues at nearby facilities have offered to open their doors to MAPS members, with special discounts available. A couple options:

## **Albert Einstein Planetarium National Air and Space Museum Washington, D.C.**

Their programs include:

### **Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity**

There's a place from which nothing escapes, not even light, where time and space literally come to end. It's at this point, inside this fantastic riddle, that black holes exert their sway over the cosmos. Zip through other-wordly wormholes, experience the creation of the Milky Way Galaxy, and witness the violent death of a star and subsequent birth of a black hole. Mathematical equations, cutting-edge science, and Einstein's theories fill in holes along the way, providing the most complete picture yet on this mysterious phenomenon.

### **Cosmic Collisions**

The breathtaking new Space Show, *Cosmic Collisions*, narrated by award-winning actor, director, and producer Robert Redford, is a spectacular immersive theater experience. *Cosmic Collisions* launches visitors on a thrilling trip through space and time—well beyond the calm face of the night sky—to explore cosmic collisions, hypersonic impacts that drive the dynamic and continuing evolution of the universe.

For more information on show schedules, visit their website at <http://www.nasm.si.edu/visit/theaters/planetarium/>.

Show your MAPS badge or mention MAPS for free admission to the planetarium!

**Davis Planetarium  
Maryland Science Center  
Baltimore, Maryland**

Their programs include:

**Dark Matters**

Explore a mystifying new topic in physics and astronomy – Dark Matters. The dark, empty space between the stars in galaxies contains mysterious “dark matter” and “dark energy.” We don’t know what they’re made of, and we can’t see them, but we detect their influence and are trying to understand them. This program is funded by a National Science Foundation Informal/Public Science Education grant through The Johns Hopkins University.

*\* Dark Matters will soon be available for distribution to U.S. planetariums at no cost.*

**The Sky Above Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood**

Laugh, sing, and learn through this introduction to the wonders of the day and night skies starring Mister Rogers and characters from the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Meet King Friday XIII, Queen Sara Saturday, Prince Tuesday, Daniel Striped Tiger, X The Owl, Henrietta Pussycat, and Lady Elaine Fairchilde as they help you learn to find constellations in the night sky. Find out if Lady Elaine Fairchilde can bring the Moon down from the sky and into her museum-go-round!

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If you’d like to visit the Science Center on May 13, 16 or 17, please contact Wendy Ackerman to make arrangements.  
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