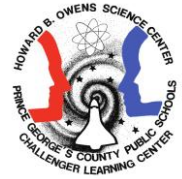




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INVITATION to MAPS 2009

Happy International Year of Astronomy!

To support the IYA Theme, “The Universe: Yours to Discover”, the Howard B. Owens Science Center is pleased to invite you on a four-day discovery adventure from May 13 – 16, 2009! This adventure includes the latest and greatest from your planetarium vendors at a special reception in the vendor hall on Wednesday evening, May 13, beginning at 6:00 PM!

On Thursday, explore the universe through the eyes of your planetarium colleagues with a series of paper presentations and dome mini-lessons. On Friday, discover the expanding universe at the Goddard Space Flight Center, as we tour their facilities and see what wonders their Visitor Center has to offer. We will also experience vendor demos in our planetarium theater. On Saturday, we’ll wrap things up at our planetarium with any final presentations and demos, and fun door prizes!

Please plan to participate by presenting a paper or mini-lesson for us! Prepare a poster for our new poster stands! Or simply come and personally share your experiences with us at our informal Taurus Incidents after hours!

Look over the enclosed documents for further information and details. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Book your hotel room NOW at the Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center, located at 4500 Crain Highway in Bowie, MD 20716. Their phone number is 301-464-0089. We have rooms blocked off until April 17, 2009 under the group name “Mid Atlantic Planetarium Society”. The room rate is \$121.49/night for single or double occupancy. This price includes a continental breakfast. For any specific hotel questions, please contact Cathy Martin at the number above.

We look forward to seeing you once again to renew our shared joy in presenting the universe for all to discover!

Sincerely,

Patty Seaton
Planetarium Director (pxts13@yahoo.com)

