Middle-Atlantic Planetarium Society Conference 2014

Baltimore, MD -- Wed-Sat, September 10-13, 2014 -- "Renew, Refresh, Revive!"

Conference Information Summary

Conference Host:

Maryland Science Center's Davis Planetarium (MSC) 601 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

www.marylandsciencecenter.org

Please direct any conference questions to:

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The Davis Planetarium is equipped with Sky Skan's Definity Projection System along with an optical/mechanical Minolta star projector under a 50-foot diameter Astro-Tech dome and 140 Signature Planetarium seats by Irwin Seating Company.

Conference Hotel:

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore (directly across the street from MSC) 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Rates: \$179/night (single or double occupancy) -- \$199/night (triple occupancy)

Weblink: http://tinyurl.com/kmy4q96

Call to reserve: 1(800) 824-0076 or (410) 234-0550

Reservation info to provide: Block Name - Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society

Cut-off date: August 1, 2014

Parking cost: \$20/day self-park, \$26/day valet parking

Alternate parking: Arrow Garage, 11 E Lee Street (\$18/24 hrs)

www.arrowparking.com/?page id=60

Conference Highlights:

Workshops throughout conference to get hands-on with astronomy education

Wednesday evening reception on the scenic roof-top of MSC (tented)

MSC's roof-top Observatory open each evening as weather permits

Speakers:

Frank Summers, Astrophysicist, Space Telescope Science Institute

Fred Espenak, Mr. Eclipse (www.MrEclipse.com)

Alan Stern, Principal Investigator, New Horizons mission enroute to Pluto

Lisa May, Lead Program Executive, NASA Mars Exploration Program

Margaret Noble Address by Carter Emmart

Director of Astrovisualization

Rose Center for Earth and Space at the

American Museum of Natural History

Live music after the banquet - bring your dancing shoes! (and silly hats)

Saturday conference extension includes:

Getting ready for "The Year of Pluto", Mars Mania & more

Conference bag showcase! Bring your favorite bag from any previous conference and share what makes it great!

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Preliminary Conference Schedule:

Wednesday - September 10, 2014

Anytime - Vendor Hall set-up

Afternoon - Check-In, Conference Registration

Evening - Reception at MSC

includes speaker Frank Summers and 'Hubble 3D' in IMAX along with Observatory and Planetarium shows

Late evening - Taurus session?

Thursday - September 11, 2014

Morning - Breakfast at MSC, Vendor Hall open, workshops and presentations Afternoon - Lunch with speaker Fred Espenak, workshops and presentations Evening - Dinner with speaker Alan Stern, Planetarium Programs, Observatory Late evening - Taurus session?

Friday - September 12, 2014

Morning - Breakfast at MSC, Business meeting, Vendor Hall open, workshops and presentations

Afternoon - Lunch with speaker Lisa May, workshops and presentations

Evening - Banquet at hotel, Margaret Noble Address Carter Emmart Live music from The Real Geniuses to follow

Late evening - Taurus session?

Saturday - September 13, 2014

Morning - Breakfast at MSC, workshops and presentations topics include New Horizons/Pluto, MAVEN/Mars

Afternoon - Lunch, workshops and presentations evaluations, door-prizes, closing remarks

Conference concludes at 4:00pm

Other Local Events/Info:

Star-Spangled Celebration September 6-16

Event crescendo Saturday, September 13 with patriotic concert and Fireworks over Fort McHenry & Inner Harbor more information and detail at:

http://www.starspangled200.com

Baltimore Orioles host New York Yankees September 12, 13 and 14 more information and detail at:

http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com

Nearby attractions within walking distance or accessible by water taxi

Federal Hill Historic District

Fells Point

Fort McHenry

Baltimore's Inner Harbor, shopping and dining

American Visionary Art Museum

National Aquarium in Baltimore