



Henry Hudson Planetarium at the  
Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

# 2018 Programs

## Stargazing

Public astronomy programs are held the third Saturday of each month and during school vacations. Programs for school groups, birthday parties and other group functions are by reservation – call for details!



### **SATURDAY STAR SHOWS 2018**

January 20, February 17,  
March 17, April 21, May 19,  
June 16, July 21, August 18,  
September 15, October 20,  
November 17, December 15



### **About the Henry Hudson Planetarium:**

The Henry Hudson Planetarium is an official NASA Space Place.

Visit the Space Place website at [www.spaceplace.nasa.gov](http://www.spaceplace.nasa.gov)

Designed specifically for elementary school age children, this site teaches space science and technology in a way that is fun and hands-on.

**Children's Star Sighting Show @ 11am:** Interactive program exploring the stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky. Appropriate for children grades preK – 2 and their families. \$3 all seats.

**Albany Star Sighting @ 1pm:** Interactive program identifies stars, planets, comets and constellations in the night sky and the tools and techniques for becoming an amateur astronomer. Geared for skywatchers ages 8 and above. \$3 all seats.

### **SCHOOL BREAK FUN MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

**January 15 @ 11am:** **Zoo in the Sky** – Meet a lion, bears and other animals of the night sky. After the show, enjoy an astronomy craft with your family! Appropriate for children grades preK – 2 and their families. \$3.

**January 15 @ 1pm:** **Wonders of the Universe** – Interactive program identifies stars, planets, and constellations in the night sky and tools and techniques for becoming an amateur astronomer. Geared for sky watchers 8 and up. \$3.

### **WINTER BREAK**

**February 19 @ 11am:** **Zoo in the Sky** – Meet a lion, bears and other animals of the night sky. After the show, enjoy an astronomy craft with your family! Appropriate for children grades preK – 2 and their families. \$3.

**February 20 @ 11am:** **Super Heroes in the Sky!** – Zeus and Jupiter! Hermes and Mercury! Aphrodite and Venus! These ancient Gods from Greek and Roman mythology helped ancient astronomers interpret the strangeness of the night sky. Super Heroes in the Sky! will explore the myths surrounding the planets and constellations and will demonstrate how these early astronomers continue to influence our modern scientists today. \$3.

**February 21 @ 10am:** **Follow the North Star** – Experience a sky show at the Henry Hudson Planetarium that explores the important role astronomy played in the freedom seekers' search along the Underground Railroad. Following the planetarium show, your family is welcome to experience a one-of-a-kind Albany story about the Freedom Seekers experience in Albany at the Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, a confirmed stop on the Underground Railroad. Just a short drive from the Visitors Center! Special discounted pricing for this event only! \$6 includes admission to the Henry Hudson Planetarium and the Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence. 10am Henry Hudson Planetarium and 11:15am at the Myers Residence.



## Programming

### SPRING BREAK

**April 3 @ 11am: Stars of the Pharaoh** – Are the stars in Egypt the same stars we see in Albany? Answer this question and more when we turn the Henry Hudson Planetarium into a starry Egyptian landscape. Learn about the Egyptian's relationship with our celestial skies and how their astronomer's discoveries continue to influence us today. Together, we will learn the ancient art of mummification and families will leave the Planetarium with homemade Egyptian inspired accessories sure to be the envy of any Pharaoh! Ages 8 and up. \$3.

**April 4 @ 11am: Zoo in the Sky** – Meet a lion, bears and other animals of the night sky. After the show, enjoy an astronomy craft with your family! Appropriate for children grades preK – 2 and their families. \$3.

**April 4 @ 1pm: Wonders of the Universe** – Exploration of seasonal constellations, planets, galaxies and other wonders of the universe. All ages. \$3.

**April 6 @ 11am: Super Heroes in the Sky!** – Zeus and Jupiter! Hermes and Mercury! Aphrodite and Venus! These ancient Gods from Greek and Roman mythology helped ancient astronomers interpret the strangeness of the night sky. Super Heroes in the Sky! will explore the myths surrounding the planets and constellations and will demonstrate how these early astronomers continue to influence our modern scientists today. Ages 8 and up. \$3.

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES FOR CHILDREN

Birthday parties are available on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 2pm. Parties include a star program and private party space. 25 children maximum per party. \$125 party fee. Call for details and to reserve a date.

## About Us



Show at the Planetarium



Pre-K program at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

### About the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

We are **MORE** than a tourist information center! Yes, we offer knowledgeable staff 7 days a week to answer visitor inquiries and we are well stocked with travel brochures about the capital region of New York State. But we also offer an informative exhibit about the history of the city of Albany, we are home to the Henry Hudson Planetarium, and our gift shop is full of unique Albany items and locally made products. Self-guided walking tours are available in print and audio versions available online. Special events, school programs and an audio-visual orientation to the city are designed to provide an introduction to Albany's rich heritage and diverse culture.



### Visitors Center Rentals

The Albany Visitors Center is available as a creative and historic alternative for corporate meetings and social events. Please inquire about our rental rates and availability!

### Mission Statement

The Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center introduces the public to Albany's history and culture by developing educational programs that encourage exploration of the cultural resources within the Heritage Area and the Capital Region of New York State.

*The planetarium is located in the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center at the corner of Broadway & Clinton Avenue in historic downtown Albany. Public parking available via Spencer Street off Broadway. Based on the nature of our programming, once planetarium programs have begun, and doors close, there is no admittance. Best policy is to arrive before the scheduled program time to be assured admittance.*

### Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center & Henry Hudson Planetarium

25 Quackenbush Square (corner Broadway and Clinton Ave), Albany, NY 12207

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### Group Reservation Information

Call (518) 434-0405 or email [accvb@albany.org](mailto:accvb@albany.org).