The Starry Messenger

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The Planetarium at UT Arlington

The Planetarium offers live stargazing and prerecorded programs to the public, school groups, and UT Arlington students all year round.

Using state-of-the-art technology and a 60-foot dome screen, the Planetarium is an immersive space theater facility with endless capabilities.

Public show pricing
Adults $6.00
Seniors $4.00
Children $4.00
Students $4.00
UTA Students $3.00
Children 0-2 Free

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Planetarium Extends Holiday Schedule

The Planetarium extends its public show schedule with extra showings the last two weeks of December. The updated holiday schedule is below.

Effective: December 2 - December 31

Fridays
6:00 PM – ROSETTA
7:00 PM – PINK FLOYD

Saturdays
1:00 PM – ONE WORLD ONE SKY, BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE
2:00 PM – SECRET OF THE CARDBOARD ROCKET
6:00 PM – ROSETTA (except Dec. 24 and Dec. 31)
7:00 PM – PINK FLOYD (except Dec. 24 and Dec. 31)

Sundays
1:30 PM – ONE WORLD ONE SKY, BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE
2:30 PM – SPACEPARK 360

Extended Holiday Shows

Dec 20,22,27,29 2:00 PM – ONE WORLD ONE SKY, BIG BIRD’S ADVENTURE
Dec 21,28 2:00 PM – SECRET OF THE CARDBOARD ROCKET
Dec 20,21,22,27,29 3:00 PM – SPACEPARK 360

The shows during the holidays (December 20-31) will feature a special holiday seasoning. Each show will include a clip from *Holiday Music Magic*, a seasonal planetarium show that features holiday themed animations and music.

The Planetarium will be open on December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 31 (New Year’s Eve) only for the afternoon shows (1:00 pm and 2:00 pm). We will be closed on Christmas Day (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1).

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!
The Winter Solstice marks the longest night and shortest day of the year. For those in the Northern Hemisphere, the Winter Solstice will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 4:44 AM Central Standard Time. It is considered the first day of winter for the Northern Hemisphere, and the first day of summer for the Southern Hemisphere.

The length of day and night varies through the year as the Earth goes around the Sun. Due to the tilt of Earth’s axis, the Sun reaches a higher elevation in the sky during summer time than in winter time. By reaching a higher elevation, it travels longer in the sky. This makes the days longer in the summer.

The Winter Solstice is not on the same calendar day every year. It varies between December 21st and December 23rd.

Happy Solstice!