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Connect with the Cosmos at Carnegie Science Center's SkyWatch

On April 25, Catch a Glimpse of the Lyrid Meteor Shower and Say Hello to Jupiter and Mars

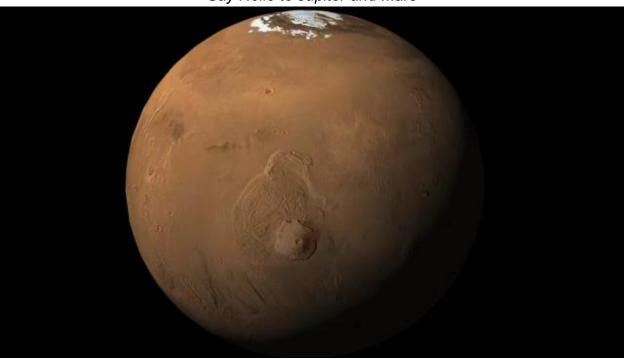


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PITTSBURGH, April 16, 2025 – Spring evenings are warming up – and there's no better way to enjoy the season than under a sky full of stars. Carnegie Science Center invites stargazers of all ages to its monthly SkyWatch event, returning Fri., April 25 from 9–11 p.m. and presented by PPG.

Visitors are invited to the rooftop to peer through professional telescopes, experience an enchanting show in Buhl Planetarium, and dive into hands-on, astronomy-themed activities. This kickoff to stargazing season offers a front-row seat to one of nature's most dazzling displays:

- Marvel at the Lyrid Meteor Shower, peaking at 10-15 meteors per hour! These streaks of light are fragments left behind by comet C/1861 G1 (Thatcher).
- Spot Jupiter and Mars, also known as the "King of Planets" and the "Red Planet."
- See the Beehive Cluster, a swarm of more than 1,000 stars and one of the closest open star clusters to Earth.

SkyWatch happens rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, activities will move indoors with an extended planetarium show. Tickets for SkyWatch are \$12 per person or \$10 for Carnegie Museums Members. Advanced registration is encouraged.

Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center, soon to be the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Science Center, is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination and the region's most-visited museum, reaching more than 500,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

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Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact the Operations Department at 412.237.3400 or Accessibility@CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

About Carnegie Museums

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