

Calendar of Events

June 8, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Allison Graviett-Pfaff, (605) 224-8295

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Runtime: 9 minutes 14 seconds

Target Audience: 4+

Description: Finding Patterns: In ancient Greece, Orion was a mighty but not particularly popular hunter, but his constellation shines brightly—a familiar shape to people around the world. Why did the goddess Artemis immortalize him in the sky? Also screening is the epilogue fulldome film of the One Sky Project. Each short film represents the perspective of a different culture or Indigenous society from around the globe. Each film stands alone as a short story or in combination as a longer narrative — organized around themes of "Finding Patterns" and developing tools, or as we say, "To Seek Far."

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Moon Movie Monday - Forward! To The Moon

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 12+

Description: Kari Byron from Crash Test World and MythBusters launches us on a journey beyond the Earth towards a sustainable future in space. NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess and twin of Apollo, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the first woman and person of color on the surface of the Moon. Produced by Fiske Planetarium in collaboration with TEND Studio.

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Runtime: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

Target Audience: 6+

Description: NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Generate excitement for space agencies like NASA, ESA and the UK Space Agency - as humanity prepares for a monumental journey to Mars!

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June 13, 2026

Starry Saturday
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Journey Beyond the Known of constellations, moons, deep space objects, or even aliens!

June 15, 2026

- June 18, 2026

Teachers in the Field
Badlands National Park, Sage Creek Campground

June 15 4pm MT - June 18 12pm MT

Anne Lewis,

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Teachers in the Field is an immersive, 4 day/3 night, field based professional development in Badlands National Park. This professional development offers hands-on field studies in water quality, aquatic macroinvertebrates and opportunities to study the rich geologic history of the area.

During the PD we camp at Sage Creek primitive camp ground that has a vault toilet but no running water or electricity. The event is partially outfitted which means meals are provided by an experienced back country cook and we bring in the water while participants provide their own gear. A limited amount of camping gear is available for a small rental fee. No camping experience required but a sense of adventure is!

This PD is geared towards teachers and informal educators that serve upper elementary, middle/high school and undergraduate learners. K-2 educators may attend after consulting with the instructor. The experience is open to educators from all content areas with the expectation that you will participate in all activities. Teams of teachers from the same school are encouraged to attend.

Dates and Times: Jun 15 4pm MT - Jun 18 12pm MT

Location: Sage Creek Campground, Badlands National Park

Audience: Grade 3-16 educators

Credit: 2 credits, pending. \$250 stipend for South Dakota classroom teachers upon submission of reflection

Cost: South Dakota educators - \$50; Pierre School District educators - \$25; Out of state educators - \$75

June 16, 2026

Critters of the Prairie Summer Science Show (10:30am)

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June 19, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

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June 22, 2026

Movie Monday - Two Small Pieces of Glass

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Runtime: 22 minutes 45 seconds

Target Audience: 14+

Description: Galileo's telescopic observations began a revolution, transforming our views of the cosmos and our place within. It is a revolution which, four hundred years later, continues. Today you can attend star parties where amateur astronomers set up their telescopes for public viewing. Views through such telescopes would have amazed Galileo. Two Small Pieces of Glass puts you in the middle of a modern star party. Discover the wonders that even a small amateur telescope can reveal and learn about the scientists that made such views possible.

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June 22, 2026

Movie Monday - Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discoveries

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Runtime: 26 minutes 36 seconds

Target Audience: 5+

Description: Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discoveries explores three observatories located in extreme environments and remote locations in Chile. Due to its special climate and location, which creates stable, dry air Chile is one of the best places in the world for astronomy. By 2022, 70% of the world's optical and infrared collecting power will be located in Chile. With a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) the film highlights the multitude of careers needed to keep the great observatories working. The show is narrated by Barbara Rojas-Ayala, a Chilean astronomer.

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Movie Monday - Seeing! A Photon's Journey Across Space, Time, and Mind

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Description: A photon's journey across space, time, and the mind. Planetarium show based on a 1-hr PBS documentary "Sight: The Story of Vision" weaving a tale of the journey of humanity that discovered the science, technology and medicine that allows us to understand how sight works, cure diseases of the eye and correct vision.

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July 1, 2026

Rocky Wednesday

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Did you know rocks can GLOW? Meet the Discovery Pod's Rock Star volunteer Robin to get close up with rocks, fossils, and more! Enjoy free take home goodies.

July 3, 2026

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July 4, 2026

Summer Little Explorers - What's in the Air?: Ozone Research in Gardens

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Pierre, SD 57501-1858

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Preschoolers and their families will explore what is in the air that is helpful and harmful. As well as explore how plants in the garden can show the effects of air quality.

Summer Little Explorers is a combination of our beloved Little Explorers Nature Preschool and the Itty Bitty Einsteins class model. Classes are geared toward explorers between the ages of 3-5 and their families. Explore the science of nature and the nature of science through hands-on experiences and STEM journals together.

Fees must be paid at the front desk on the day of class.

SDDC Member: FREE

Nonmember: \$4 per family group + general admission fees

July 6, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Sunstruck

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Runtime: 20 minutes, 58 seconds

Target Audience: 9+

Description: Travel back to the beginning of time and experience the birth of the Sun. Discover how it came to support life, how it threatens life as we know it, and how its energy will one day fade away. This NASA funded full dome planetarium show is available for free to planetariums worldwide.

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July 6, 2026

Movie Monday - Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Runtime: 40 minutes

Target Audience: 10+

Description: Travel back to the Late Cretaceous, when a great inland sea divided North America. A curious and adventurous dolichorhynchops travels through the most dangerous oceans in history, encountering long-necked plesiosaurs, giant turtles, enormous fish, fierce sharks, and the most dangerous sea monster of all, the mosasaur. The film connects paleontology digs from near and far into a compelling story about scientists working as detectives to answer questions about this ancient and mysterious ocean world.

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Runtime: 27 minutes 30 seconds

Target Audience: 6+

Description: From the journey of protons racing through the world's largest particle collider in Europe to up-close views of the Big Bang and emergent universe, and the nearly mile-deep descent to an underground experiment in South Dakota, a new planetarium show is designed to immerse audiences in the manifold search for dark matter.

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Starry Saturday

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INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION!

Journey Beyond the Known of constellations, moons, deep space objects, or even aliens!

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July 17, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play
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July 20, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue
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Runtime: 9 minutes 14 seconds

Target Audience: 4+

Description: Finding Patterns: In ancient Greece, Orion was a mighty but not particularly popular hunter, but his constellation shines brightly—a familiar shape to people around the world. Why did the goddess Artemis immortalize him in the sky? Also screening is the epilogue full-dome film of the One Sky Project. Each short film represents the perspective of a different culture or Indigenous society from around the globe. Each film stands alone as a short story or in combination as a longer narrative — organized around themes of "Finding Patterns" and developing tools, or as we say, "To Seek Far."

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 12+

Description: Kari Byron from Crash Test World and MythBusters launches us on a journey beyond the Earth towards a sustainable future in space. NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess and twin of Apollo, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the first woman and person of color on the surface of the Moon. Produced by Fiske Planetarium in collaboration with TEND Studio.

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Runtime: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

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Description: NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Generate excitement for space agencies like NASA, ESA and the UK Space Agency - as humanity prepares for a monumental journey to Mars!

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Description: The prairies are alive. Some have fur, some have feathers, some have scales. Many live by burrowing deep beneath the surface, and some soar through the sky. Come explore the critters and creatures that call the prairies home.

With four showings each day, pick your preferred time to visit!

Families, groups, walk-ins, and reservations are all welcome.

July 28, 2026

Hidden No More Summer Science Show (10:30am)

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST

Kristine Heinen, (605) 224-8295

kristineheinen@sd-discovery.org

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July 28, 2026

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Pierre, So 57501

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Pierre, So 57501

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July 30, 2026

Research to Classrooms: Chameleon Feeding Practicum

USD Campus

4801 N Career Avenue

Sioux Falls, SD 57107

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

Teachers! Bring research happening here in South Dakota to your classrooms through hands-on lesson plans. Dr. Chris Anderson of the USD Biology Department researches chameleon feeding and has partnered with the South Dakota Discovery Center and educators to bring his research to the classroom. Chameleons make great phenomena for learning about force, energy, habitats, adaptations and more!

This hybrid professional development is a practicum, meaning that part of the learning time is to implement and reflect upon one of the lessons. We will meet for one day together to learn from Dr. Anderson and the team. Participants will implement one or more of the lesson in their classrooms by early December. We will reconvene in December for a share-out of what worked, what to change and what to add.

Details

Dates: In person - July 30 8:30am - 4:30pm CT. Remote Convening - Saturday Dec 5 10am - 12:30pm CT (TBC)

Location: In person - Sioux Falls USD campus

Cost: Free

Credit: 1 (pending)

Stipend: \$400 paid in two segments

Audience: Grade 5-12 educators

To Register go to Register for Chameleon Feeding PD

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August 1, 2026

Summer Little Explorers - Go for Launch: 3..2..1.. Blast Off!

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501-1858

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Kristine Heinen, 605-224-8295

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What makes things go up? Rockets...

Spring Little Explorers is a combination of our beloved Little Explorers Nature Preschool and the Itty Bitty Einsteins class model. Classes are geared toward explorers between the ages of 3-5 and their families. Explore the science of nature and the nature of science through hands-on experiences and STEM journals together.

Fees must be paid at the front desk on the day of class.

SDDC Member: FREE

Nonmember: \$4 per family group + general admission fees

August 3, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Pierre, So 57501

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August 8, 2026

Starry Saturday

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Pierre, SD 57501

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Pierre, So 57501

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August 31, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

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September 4, 2026

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Pierre, So 57501

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September 12, 2026

Starry Saturday

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September 18, 2026

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October 2, 2026

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October 16, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

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November 4, 2026

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November 6, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

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01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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November 14, 2026

Starry Saturday

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November 19, 2026

EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED

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Pierre, So 57501

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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November 19, 2026

Best for Last 2026

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

05:30 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Best For Last: November 19, 2026

Get your ticket to our biggest celebration of hands-on science education!

Every dollar raised supports staff and activities in the SDDC Exhibit Hall, a science playground for ALL to enjoy! Join the generations of children, and adults, who have grown up with greater access to hands-on learning and fun!

The Best for Last reverse raffle takes place on November 19, 2025. You get to enjoy delicious local vittles and chances to win fabulous prizes, including a 1 in 252 chance at \$10,000. Fabulous odds!

November 26, 2026

EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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December 2, 2026

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10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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- December 25, 2026 **EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED**
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10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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- January 1, 2500 **General Volunteering Opportunities**
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
12:00 AM - 01:00 AM CST
Kendra Baucom, 6052248295
kendrabaucom@sd-discovery.org

Bioinspired Fluid Dynamics Research Experience for Teachers and Students

TBD

Dates to be arranged with Dr Basu.

The Biomedical and Bioinspired Fluid Dynamics Lab (Basu Lab), directed by Dr. Saikat Basu at the Department of Mechanical Engineering at South Dakota State University, is inviting high school teachers and students to participate in their NSF CAREER-funded project. The topic is on respiratory fluid mechanics and how art could be incorporated in biophysics modeling studies. Participants will spend 3 days on SDSU's campus. Teachers will create a learning module based on the experience.

Recruitment asks:

- We are looking for Science teachers (with interest in integrating art with cutting-edge biophysics research) at the high schools in the region, with preference for institutions in the Tribal reservations.?*
- Time commitment: 3-4 days in Summer (specific schedule is flexible, we will pick the mutually best possible week during June/July/Early August)?*
- Please contact Dr. Saikat Basu by March 31, 2025, at: Saikat.Basu@sdstate.edu ?*

What we expect to achieve:?

- The teacher will bring around approximately 3 students to Brookings and work on projects described.?*
- The learning module developed from the camp activities could be shared with the students at the home institution.?*
- We will also develop a poster outlining the experience of the workshop days?*
- The students can present the poster at regional/local science fairs?*

Benefits: ?

- \$1000 stipend for each teacher*
- Reimbursement for other expenses and covered accommodation and meals?*
- Small stipends on the scale of \$100 for each student participant?*
- SDSU certificates for each student participant?*
- Long-term mentorship for the student participants*

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