

The Barlow Planetarium

at the UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus in Menasha

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With Stars in Your Eyes: Barlow Planetarium and NEWSTAR

Astronomy Society holds 2025 National Astronomy Day on May 3

Families and the Public are invited for the official free Unveiling of the new Barlow inflatable Planetarium, the largest of its kind in Wisconsin.

Free Telescope displays with day and night Sky Viewing, weather permitting.
Afternoon and Evening Planetarium Children's and Feature Astronomy Shows.

MENASHA, WI – The Barlow Planetarium, Northeast Wisconsin's premier star-show theater announces, in association with the NEWSTAR astronomy society, exciting **National Astronomy Day** on Saturday, May 3 from 12:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Outer space discovery fun for everyone.

Step into the new portable planetarium, the largest of its kind in Wisconsin, and experience the dazzling "A to Z Astronomy" show, taking you across the Universe. This intriguing program for adults and children is 25 minutes long. Seven presentations are at 12:00 pm, 12:45 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:15 pm, 3:00 pm, 3:45 pm and 4:30 pm. It was produced by the Daniel M. Soref Planetarium at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

One free admission in the portable planetarium per person with donations welcome. Registrations are required for everyone and can be obtained online at the Barlow website in advance. Seating is limited.

Telescope displays and free solar and lunar viewing provided by NEWSTAR, the Northeastern Wisconsin Stargazers. Since 1986, NEWSTAR has shared the wonders and beauty of the night sky with the Fox Cities community at large with interactive activities, astronomy presentations and educational star parties.

NEWSTAR will also offer free presentations on "Buying Your First Telescope," "A Virtual Tour of the Solar System," and "Telescope Tune-up Clinic."

Guests to Family Astronomy Day are invited to walk through an amazing scale model representing our extremely vast Solar System, stretching for 200 yards inside the Fox Cities Campus.

Starting at 1 pm – 7:30 pm, several children's and feature astronomy star shows, "Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" and "Cosmic Colors" will be presented inside the Barlow Planetarium. In addition, a "Taylor Swift" family laser show will be shown at 2:30 pm. Tickets for these shows are \$7 per person.

Food trucks are available for guests during the afternoon and early evening.

For more information, call 920-832-2848 or visit <https://www.uwosh.edu/barlow/special-events> and click on "Astronomy A to Z" to register for a free seat in the new portable planetarium. The Barlow Planetarium is located at 1478 Midway Road in Menasha on the UW-Oshkosh Fox Cities campus.

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