

# DPS 2010 Fun Events!

## Sunday, October 3

**Registration.** 3 pm - 8 pm at Convention Center.

**Welcome Reception.** 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Westin courtyard. Cocktails and appetizers!

**Grad Student and postdoc reception.** 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm. The Westin, Fountain Ballroom. Pizza! Contact Laura Woodney (woodney@mac.com)

## Monday, October 4

**"The Planets - an HD Odyssey."** Special screening for DPS members! Director Duncan Copp ("In the Shadow of the Moon") will introduce the film and hold a Q&A session after the film. 7:30 pm. Convention Center. Free of charge.

**"The Galactic Quest for Exoplanets"** - a set of 4 short lectures for the public. 8:00-9:30 pm. Beckman Auditorium, Caltech. Free of charge.

**Eric Ford**, *University of Florida*, Exoplanets: A New Window into Planet Formation

**Jason Wright**, *Pennsylvania State University*, The Search for Exoplanets

**Natalie Batalha**, *San Jose State University*, Finding Exoplanets with Kepler

**Mark Swain**, *JPL*, Characterization of Exoplanets

**Movie night:** "Galaxy Quest." 9 pm. The Westin, San Marino room.

## Tuesday, October 5

**JPL Tours.** Open to DPS members and guests. 9:30 am. *Sign-up list is full.* Contact Laura Woodney (woodney@mac.com)

**Huntington Library.** "Beautiful Science: Ideas that Changed the World." Tour of exhibit with curator Dan Lewis. Free of charge. 1:30pm. Contact Amanda Hendrix (arh@jpl.nasa.gov)

**"Big Bang Theory."** Come and see a taping for this hot TV show. *Sign-up list is full.* Contact Julie Rathbun (Julie\_Rathbun@redlands.edu)

**Decadal Survey Update.** 7:30 pm. Convention Center.

**NASA night.** 8:00 pm. Convention Center.

**Movie night:** "Wall-E." 9 pm. The Westin, San Marino room.

## Wednesday, October 6

**Banquet!** At the historic Castle Green. Cocktails 6:30-7:30 pm, dinner & music 7:30-10:30 pm.

**Movie night:** "Star Trek." 9 pm. The Westin, San Marino room.

## Thursday, October 7

**HSPD-12.** Hear about the case, the October 5 Supreme Court hearing and its implications; Q&A with lead plaintiff Robert M. Nelson. 5:00 pm. Room 211.

**DPS Sagan Medal** public talk. "In the Land of Enchantment: Cassini Explores Saturn" by Carolyn Porco. 7:00 pm. Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$10 at the door or can be purchased in advance through Ticketmaster.

**Griffith Observatory** event. To sign up, contact Bidushi Bhattacharya (bhattach@ipac.caltech.edu). Includes:

Bus transportation to/from Griffith (optional);

"By the Light of the Watery Moon," a panel discussion with talks by **John Spencer** (Enceladus), **Bonnie Buratti** (Titan) & **Tony Colaprete** (Moon);

Dinner at the Wolfgang Puck cafe at the Observatory (optional);

Planetarium shows: Light of the Valkyries (7:45 pm) and Centered in the Universe (8:45 pm); \$7 admission ticket

**Movie night:** "Contact." The Westin, San Marino room. 9 pm.

## Friday, October 8

**Wrap party!** 5:30 pm. Barbecue at Andy Ingersoll's house, sponsored by Caltech's Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences. Free of charge. To RSVP, contact Amanda Hendrix (arh@jpl.nasa.gov).

## Saturday, October 9

**Mt. Wilson Observatory** tour. Cost is \$25 and covers admission and transportation. Lunch can be purchased at the cafe at the Observatory. Plan to meet at 9:30 am and be back by ~3:00 pm. Contact Lance Benner (lbenner@charter.net)

**Palomar Observatory** tour. Cost is \$50 and covers lunch and transportation. Plan to meet at 8:15 am and be back by ~3:30 pm. Contact Bill Owen (william.m.owen@jpl.nasa.gov)