

Dear Friend:

On July 20, 1969, the world stopped as Neil Armstrong descended the ladder from Apollo 11 and set foot on the moon, with these words:

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

50 years later, this famous phrase still resonates, even with those who did not have the thrill of watching the Moon landing in real time. There is something about the concept of space travel, even half a century after Armstrong's first steps, that evokes wonder, amazement, and a sense of the very best of humanity, as we came together to achieve the common goal of reaching the Moon.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, the Fleet has planned a day of [Celebration](#) on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details are below and we hope you and your family will join us.

We owe this historic achievement to the innovation and ingenuity of thousands of engineers, mathematicians, scientists, and technicians and also to the dreamers who imagined space travel and inspired a generation to pursue this seemingly impossible feat.

It is that spark of inspiration, that science can make the impossible possible, that the Fleet seeks to ignite in the next generation. Hands-on exhibits and programs teach kids that science it is *theirs* and it can take them to amazing places and help them achieve something that has never been done before.

Reaching the Moon was the giant leap that continues to open young eyes to what is possible and remind all of us that inspiration, creativity and ingenuity will be integral to the next great human achievement.

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a new exhibition about
our planet, the solar
system, the universe
and the big questions
scientists at the National
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are trying to answer
about each. Packed with
engaging, hands-on
interactive exhibits and
dazzling imagery, this
exhibition will connect
you with current NASA
science research and
launch you on a journey

Sincerely,



Steve Snyder, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer



On Saturday, July 20 join your fellow Moon enthusiasts as we gather in front of the Fleet Science Center at noon to play games, answer questions about the Moon and start the countdown. To "blast off" our celebration, a special surprise will "launch" at 12:17 pm, marking the exact time 50 years ago that man landed on the Moon. The event also will include:

- Your opportunity to experience the Apollo 11 mission through VR technology with the Fleet's new [Pulseworks® VR Transporter](#) (additional fee applies)
- Screenings of three special films in the Heikoff Giant Dome Theater:
 - [Back To the Moon For Good](#) at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 - [A Beautiful Planet](#) at 3 p.m.
 - [Hubble](#) at 5 p.m.
 - Opening of our newest exhibition: [Sun, Earth, Universe](#)
 - Design your own "stomp rocket" in [Studio X](#)

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