



**Invitation to teachers for an upcoming  
FREE science event**

**Please share with your colleagues**

## Teachers' Notes

Ad Astra Kansas Foundation's  
**2024 GALAXY FORUM**  
1 - 3 pm, August 24,  
Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS  
Theme: "HUMANS in SPACE"  
**FREE!!! to attend**

Free admission to the Hall  
of Space Museum following  
the Galaxy Forum

Entry into a drawing for a  
Walmart gift card. Five  
teachers eligible

### PURPOSE:

This event, open to the public, is intended to provide information on current topics in the space sciences. Teachers will walk away with the latest information and resources for classroom application.

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### 1. HOUSTON: We are GO for Exploration!

**Mallory Jennings (NASA EMU Systems Manager at Johnson Space Center)**

View an actual spacesuit and gain insightful knowledge about the requirements, challenges and solutions for human safety in space from a Goddard High and WSU alum.

#### 2. CosmoShox: Using NASA STEM Challenges for Student Engagement

**Maggie Schoonover, Kristyn Waits, CosmoShox Interdisciplinary Team (WSU Open XR Lab)**

Hear about the design and build of augmented reality (AR) headgear, which placed CosmoShox as national finalists in this year's NASA SUITS (Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students) Design Challenge at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Demos of the user interface will be shown, and AV/VR headsets will be available for attendees to test out.

#### 3. Solar System Ambassador Resources for the Classroom

**Jeanette Bosch (NASA Solar System Ambassador)**

Discover resources available through the NASA Solar System Ambassador Program and how teachers can bring them into the classroom.

#### 4. Updates on Interstellar University and ILOA Projects

**Steve Durst (Ad Astra Board member / International Observatory Assn. director)**

Hear about the progress of the Interstellar University project. As well as the ILOA's two astronomical cameras launched on the Nova-C lunar lander in Feb. 2024.

For more information or to register, email [contact@adastra-ks.org](mailto:contact@adastra-ks.org). Please include school and names of all attending.

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Forum will also be livestreamed on AAKF facebook.

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