

Ignite curiosity. Build community. Expand access to the cosmos.



Space for Everyone

ASTRONOMY SYMPOSIUM

Friday, May 22 • 8:30 am-5 pm

Join educators, astronomers, science communicators, and community leaders for this dynamic, one-day symposium dedicated to making astronomy engaging, accessible, and inclusive for all. Through inspiring conversations, hands-on learning, and meaningful connections, this event empowers participants to strengthen outreach efforts and expand opportunities for informal science education.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Keynote address from astronaut Cady Coleman
- Interactive breakout sessions
- Live demonstrations and hands-on learning
- Time to explore the Museums
- Networking with peers and professionals

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Lunch and snacks, catered by Frigos Gourmet Foods
- Signed hardcover copy of Coleman's book *Sharing Space*
- Free on-site parking
- Swag bag for the first 200 registrants

Register Now!
\$80-\$120 per person

Limited number of discounted registrations available for students.
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10-11 AM

Skywatch: Writing an Astronomy Column

Astronomy is for Everyone: UMASS Initiatives in Astronomy Education

Using Astronomy to Foster Life-Long Learning

We Can Touch the Stars Together! A Tactile Workshop

Pluto and Beyond: Understanding Our Solar System

Inspiring the Work of Tomorrow: Young People in Astronomy

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Take Flight Using OpenSpace

Using Smart Telescopes for Space and Astronomy Outreach

From Field Trip to Family Nights: Strategies for Inclusive and Budget-Friendly Astronomy Education

Practical Tools, Tested Strategies, and Best Practices for Impact

Astronomy in Any Setting: Learning About Astronomy in the Art Museum

30 Years of Learning: Lessons Learned from The Conjunction

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

12:30-1:30 PM

Sharing Space Exploration Through Photography

Space Week: Large-Scale Outreach & Programming

Introduction to the Rubin: Observatory and the Legacy Survey of Space & Time

Preserving the Night Sky and Human Health by Reducing Light Pollution

If You Build It Will They Come? Strategies for Growing an Audience

Designing for Multigenerational Audiences

KEYNOTE SESSION 2:30-3:45 PM

Astronaut & Scientist Cady Coleman

Cady Coleman is a former NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Air Force Colonel who spent over 180 days in space across two shuttle missions and a six-month International Space Station expedition. She held key leadership roles in robotics and science, later advancing NASA's innovation partnerships, and now works as a speaker, media contributor, and MIT Media Lab affiliate. An accomplished musician and collaborator with artists like Ian Anderson and The Chieftains, she also serves on boards including the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.



EVENING OPPORTUNITIES

Dinner in the Science Museum & Moongazing, 5:30-9 pm
Observatory open weather permitting. Preregistration is required. Additional charge: \$25.

Arunah Hill Nature & Science Center, 6 pm Telescopes, hiking trails, geocaching treasure hunts, star parties, and primitive camping on 86 pristine acres in the Berkshires away from light pollution. No additional charge.

