Community Resources in Kansas and Nebraska

The list of contact information below appeared to be accurate, based on Internet research, as of February 2011. The Lunar and Planetary Institute provides this list as a service to workshop participants and does not endorse the individuals or organizations listed below. You are encouraged to contact these resources and determine how best to utilize them in your own programs.

Astronomy Clubs

Astronomy Associates of Lawrence
c/o: The KU Physics and Astronomy Dept.
1251 Wescoe Hall Drive
Room 1082 Malott
Lawrence, KS 66045
http://groups.ku.edu/~astronomy/index.html

Astronomical Society of Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
http://www.askconline.org

Kansas Astronomical Observers
1010 Inverness Road
Wichita, KS 67218
http://members.cox.net/jerrytimmons/KAO.html

Nebraska Star Party, Inc.
PO Box 540307
Omaha, NE 68154-0307
http://www.nebraskastarparty.org/index.html

North Central Kansas Astronomical Society
3711 Birch CT
Manhattan, KS 66503
info@nckas.org
http://www.nckas.org

Northeast Kansas Amateur Astronomers' League, Inc.
P.O. Box 951
Topeka, KS 66601
http://www.nekaal.org

Omaha Astronomical Society
PO Box 6257
Omaha, NE 68106
http://www.omahaastro.com

Panhandle Astronomy Club
P.O. Box 987
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
http://www.panhandleastronomyclub.com/

Platte Valley Astronomical Observers
Seven Hills Observatory
4711 Heather Lane
Kearney, NE 68845
http://www.pvao.us/

Salina Astronomy Club
Peters Science Hall
Kansas Wesleyan University
100 E. Claflin
Salina, KS 67401
http://www.orgsites.com/ks/salina-astronomy-club/

The Prairie Astronomy Club
P. O. Box 5585
Lincoln, NE 68505-5585
http://www.prairieastronomyclub.org

Museums and Planetariums

Chadron State College Planetarium
Dept. of Physical and Life Sciences
1000 Main Street
Chadron, NE 69337
http://www.csc.edu/sci/planetarium/

Edgerton Explorit Center
208 16th Street
Aurora, NE 68818
http://www.edgerton.org/

Exploration Place
300 N. McLean Blvd.
Wichita, KS 67203
phone: (316) 660-0600
fax: (316) 660-0670
http://www.exploration.org/

Fred G. Dale Planetarium
Wayne State College
1111 Main St.
Wayne, NE 68787
http://www.wsc.edu/planetarium/

Hastings Museum of Natural & Cultural History
1330 N. Burlington Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901
http://www.hastingsmuseum.org/index.htm

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center
1100 North Plum
Hutchinson, KS 67501-1418
800.397.0330
http://www.cosmo.org/

L. Russell Kelce Planetarium
Pittsburg State University
1701 South Broadway
Pittsburg, KS 66762
http://www.pittstate.edu/department/physics/kelce-planetarium.dot

Lueninghoener Planetarium
Midland Lutheran College
900 N. Clarkson ST.
Fremont, NE 68025
http://www.midlandu.edu/planetarium

Mallory Kountze Planetarium
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Department of Physics
Durham Science Center
6001 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68182-0266
http://www.physics.unomaha.edu/planet/

Mueller Planetarium
210 Morrill Hall
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68588-0375
http://www.spacelaser.com/

North Platte Area Children's Musuem
314 North Jeffers
North Platte, NE 69101
308-532-3512
info@NPChildrensMuseum.com
http://www.npchildrensmuseum.com

Omaha Children's Musuem
500 South 20th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
http://www.ocm.org/general.aspx

Museums and Planetariums, continued

Strategic Air and Space Museum
28210 West Park Highway
Ashland, NE 68003
http://www.sasmuseum.com/

Union Station
30 W. Pershing Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64108
http://www.unionstation.org/

University of Nebraska at Kearney Planetarium
Department of Physics & Physical Science
905 West 25th Street
Kearney, NE 68849
http://www.unk.edu/academics/physics/UNK_Planetarium___Observatory

University of Nebraska State Museum
Lincoln, NE 68588-0338
(402) 472-2642
http://www-museum.unl.edu/index.html

Washburn University Planetarium
Department of Physics & Astronomy
1700 College Ave.
Topeka, KS 66621
http://www.washburn.edu/cas/physics/spitz.html

Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City
5700 King
Shawnee, KS 66203
http://www.wonderscope.org/

NASA Educator Resource Centers

Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center
NASA Educator Resource Center
1100 N. Plum St.
Hutchinson, KS 67501-1499
http://www.cosmo.org/education.cfm

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Department of Physics
Durham Science Center
6001 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68182-0266
http://www.physics.unomaha.edu/

National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

Kansas Space Grant Consortium
Wichita State University
113 Wallace Hall
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260-0044
http://www.nasainkansas.org/SPACE_GRANT.html

Nebraska Space Grant Consortium
University of Nebraska - Omaha
CPACS Building 041
6001 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68182
http://ne.spacegrant.org/

Observatories

Behlen Observatory
Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln
Agricultural Research and
Development Center
near Mead, NE
http://astro.unl.edu/observatory/bgeninfo.html

Clyde Sachtleben Observatory
Hastings College
710 N. Turner
Hastings, NE 68901
http://www.hastings.edu/igsbase/igstemplate.cfm/SRC=DB/SRCN=/GnavID=170

Clyde W. Tombaugh Observatory
The University of Kansas
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy
Lawrence, KS 66045
(785) 864-3506
http://www.kuinfo.ku.edu/~kuinfo/cgi-bin/info.shtml?p=q&id=3862
and
http://groups.ku.edu/~astronomy/pages/facilities.html

Crane Observatory
Dept. of Physics & Astronomy
Washburn University
1700 College Ave
Topeka, KS 66621
http://www.washburn.edu/cas/physics/crane.html

Esh Observatory
Independence Community College
1057 W. College Ave.
Independence, KS 67301
http://faculty.indy.cc.ks.us/msaleh/

Farpoint Observatory
Northeast Kansas Amateur
Astronomers' League Inc.
12965 Mission Valley Road
Eskridge KS 66423
785-806-2070
http://www.nekaal.org/doku.php?id=farpoint_observatory

Hyde Memorial Observatory
Lincoln Parks and Recreation
3701 S. 70th
(South Shore Rd., Holmes Park)
Lincoln, NE 68502
http://www.hydeobservatory.info

Kansas Wesleyan University
Observatory
Peters Science Hall
Kansas Wesleyan University
100 E. Claflin
Salina, KS 67401
http://www.orgsites.com/ks/salina-astronomy-club/

Lake Afton Public Observatory
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260-0032
(316) 978-3191
http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo/

Millard Observatory
Neale Woods Nature Center
14323 Edith Marie Avenue
Omaha, NE
http://www.fontenelleforest.org/astronomy.html

Powell Observatory
Astronomical Society of Kansas City
Lewis-Young Park
Louisburg, KS
http://www.askconline.org/powell.htm

Observatories, continued

PSU/Greenbush Astrophysical Observatory
Pittsburg State University
1701 South Broadway
Pittsburg, KS 66762
http://www.pittstate.edu/department/physics/psugreenbush-astrophysical-observatory.dot

Seven Hills Observatory
Platte Valley Astronomical Observers
4711 Heather Lane
Kearney, NE 68845
http://www.7hillsobs.org/

University of Nebraska at Kearney Observatory
Department of Physics & Physical Science
905 West 25th Street
Kearney, NE 68849
http://www.unk.edu/academics/physics/UNK_Planetarium___Observatory/

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Observatory
Dept. Physics & Astronomy
Stadium Drive and 10th Street
Lincoln, NE
http://astro.unl.edu/observatory/sogeninfo.html

Warkoczewski "Warko" Observatory
Astronomical Society of Kansas City
Royall Hall
University of Missouri – Kansas City
5200 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO
http://www.askconline.org/warko.htm

Solar System Ambassadors

Kansas
Contact through:
http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/KS.html

Paul Adams
Hays, KS 67601

Brenda Culbertson
Mayetta, KS 66509

Rick Heschmeyer
Lawrence, KS 66047

Melodee Knopp
Girard, KS 66743

Danny Mattern
Towanda, KS 67144

Janet Pionkowski
Topeka, KS 66605

Chad Schuetz
Wichita, KS 67226

Deborah Smail
Iola, KS 66749

Ronald Tibbetts
Wichita, KS 67211

Paul Verhage
Topeka, KS 66614

Nebraska
Contact through:
http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/NE.html

Patricia Dutton
Fullerton, NE 68638

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Department of Physical Sciences
1200 Commercial Street
Emporia, KS 66801
http://www.emporia.edu/physci/Speakers%20Bureau.htm
Select programs available
Appropriate for ages 14-18

Speakers Bureau at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Office of University Communications
202 Canfield Administration Building
Lincoln, NE 68588-0424
http://www.speakersbureau.unl.edu/