

Fiske Planetarium

Main Theater Talks

How do we search for life in the universe, and where do we look? Our speakers will immerse you with planetarium dome. Special faculty talks at 4 pm and 7 pm.

Science on a Sphere Talks

Join us at our 6-ft suspended sphere to learn about Earth climate science and take tours of the solar system!

Make an Alien

Learn about some factors that might influence what life could look like on other planets. Then use your knowledge to craft your own alien!

Make a Comet

Discover what comets are made of and how they may have played a role in the development of life on Earth. Then we'll use dry ice to make our own comet!

Craters & Paper Mountains

How do craters form, and what connection do they have to life on Earth? Learn how both craters and evidence of water can tell the story of a planet.

Scale Model Solar System Tours

Gain a sense for the vast amount of space there is in space by joining us along a walking tour of the scale model solar system that starts outside Fiske's front doors.

Ongoing Activities

Explore a variety of stations to look through a solar telescope, learn about spacecraft, record an audio message to an alien, or learn about our space ants!

Sommers-Bausch Observatory

Radio Room

Discover the world of radio waves, Van de Graaff generators and Jacob's ladders.

Infrared Room

Explore the world of infrared astronomy and exoplanet detection. What do YOU look like in infrared light?

Visible Light Room

Experience the world of color using element spectra and Red-Green-Blue lights, and learn how astronomers can determine what a planet's atmosphere is made of.

Yellow Room

Explore three different kinds of yellow light and the effects they have on objects around you. You'll never see colors the same way again!

Ultraviolet Room

A room for our youngest visitors. See how ultraviolet light can make some objects glow!

High-Energy Room

See the particles that travel through you every second! Some of these particles may even be responsible for life as we know it.

Telescope Deck

Come learn about the SBO telescopes. Observe Venus during the day and celestial objects after dark! (Weather permitting)