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Spacetacular Saturday at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

CONCORD, NH –Celebrate National Astronomy Day at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center on Saturday, May 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join the Discovery Center and the New Hampshire Astronomical Society for a day of exciting events for the whole family, including a meteorites exhibit, the Wright Flyer, caricature drawings, balloon animals, space suits for kids to try on, helicopter rides, rocket launches, and more.

New this year – visitors can meet Aexeous, the Cell Phone Robotic Machine. How does it work? Visitors should bring their cell phone and wave it in front of him. He will recognize it and accept commands. This is a unique opportunity to experience this prototype robot, now used to demonstrate the marvels of modern engineering to all ages.

Additionally, visitors can enjoy a premiere of a new planetarium show, “Two Small Pieces of Glass.” Viewers will take a voyage through time and space and discover how a simple adjustment to a child's spy glass revealed an infinite and perplexing universe never before imagined. This new show follows the theme of the International Year of Astronomy, commemorating the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first telescopic observations of the night sky.

Admission to Spacetacular Saturday is \$9 Adult; \$8 Student/Senior; \$6 Child; Members FREE (benefits apply). No coupons or passes will be accepted for this event.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is a lively science center, featuring 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, and Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium, and a variety of science and engineering programs. The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. For a full schedule of programming, visit www.starhop.com.

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