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ALCon 2027 Brief Announcement

Mark your calendars now for ALCon 2027!

This convention is being hosted by the Yellowstone Valley Astronomy Association and will be held on July 28-31, 2027. The main venue is the 41,000 square-foot Billings Hotel and Convention Center with casino, water slide pool, and ample banquet and presentation space. There will be a dinner at historic Red Lodge and a stargazing session with Native American stories at Pictograph Cave State Park.

The Star-B-Que will be held at the Zoo Montana with access to the zoo and its eagles, grizzly bears, and bison.



Observing under black skies will be available on Thursday and Friday nights at Whistler Observatory with camping options.

ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE LIVE!

September 18, 2026 7:00 pm EDT



Dr. Dominic Benford

Nancy Grace Roman Telescope,
Program Scientist



"As the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope
Graduates from Construction to Discoveries"

with host
Terry Mann, AL VP

also

Chuck Allen
John Goss
Don Knabb
Scott Roberts



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ASTRONOMY DAY

Bringing Astronomy to the People

JOIN CLUBS & OBSERVATORIES NATIONWIDE

Celebrate Autumn Astronomy Day

Saturday, September 19th

Bring Astronomy to the People

Astronomy Day is a grassroots movement connecting the public with local astronomy clubs, science centers, and enthusiastic observers across the country.

Host an open house, a public telescope night, or hands-on daytime solar observing. Share the cosmos with your community and inspire the next generation of stargazers!

Event Awards & Recognition

Hosting an event this year? Enter your celebration for national award consideration and showcase your club's outreach.

★ \$150 Top Prize for Host Organization

Selected host organizations are eligible for monetary awards honoring outstanding community engagement and creativity.

How to Register Your Event for Award Consideration

1

Download Form

Grab the official event submission form directly from our website.

2

Submit Details

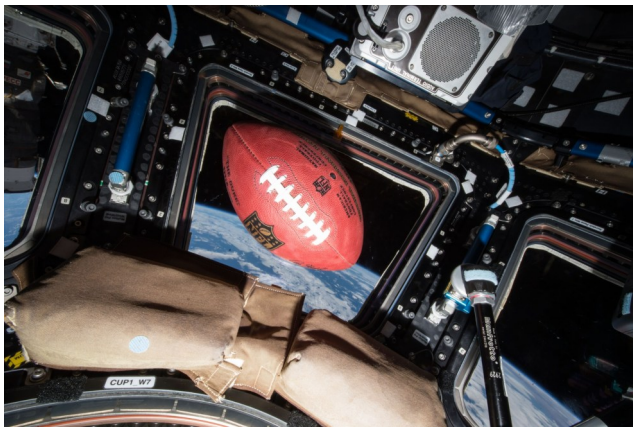
Email your completed form to astronomyday@astroleague.org.

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Deadline: June 13th

Submit by June 13th to qualify for official award judging and recognition.

astronomyday@astroleague.org



NASA, NFL Team Up to Showcase Space, Aeronautics Innovation

A football floats in microgravity aboard the International Space Station, high above the Earth.

Credit: NASA

PRESS RELEASE

Through a new collaboration between NASA and the National Football League (NFL), the agency will soon bring America's strengths in space exploration and aeronautics innovation to the football field.

NASA will conduct flyovers, astronaut appearances, and fan engagement at NFL games across the United States as part of its new Inspiration Tour.

"This is the first season NASA is taking part in flyovers at NFL games, bringing the excitement of America's space program directly to fans across the country," said NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman. "We're returning to the Moon, building a Moon Base, advancing fission-powered spacecraft, and pushing the boundaries in aeronautics, science, and discovery. Achieving those ambitions will take the very best of America, and partnering with the NFL gives us an incredible platform to inspire the next generation to look up and imagine the possibilities."

NASA participation is targeted for the following games. Additional details will be released prior to each game, and more dates may be added:

- 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Atlanta Falcons in Pittsburgh
- 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20: Baltimore Ravens vs. New Orleans Saints in Baltimore
- 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4: Philadelphia Eagles vs. Los Angeles Rams in Philadelphia
- 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11: New York Jets vs. Cleveland Browns in East Rutherford, New Jersey

Flyovers scheduled at some of the games will showcase NASA's fleet of aircraft, which are used for high-speed testing, high-altitude research, astronaut training, and more. Regularly flying the aircraft maintains the health of the fleet and publicly demonstrates new technologies that may be applied to future commercial air travel.

With stops across the nation and led by Isaacman, NASA's Inspiration Tour convenes academic, industry, and public sector stakeholders to connect the agency with the people, technologies, and organizations that drive American leadership in space.

The tour will culminate in MAX POWER, a public exposition of American air and space innovation, Nov. 7 and Nov. 8, on and near the agency's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Held in honor of America's historic 250th anniversary, the multi-day, family-friendly event will showcase the next-generation aircraft, spacecraft, autonomous vehicles, and technologies that will help define the future of transportation in air and space.

For more information about MAX POWER and the agency's missions, visit: <https://www.nasa.gov/maxpower>