

International Astronomical Union (IAU) Day

12 January 2019

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Johnson Geocentre

When the IAU was founded in 1919 international cooperation in astronomy was not new. Astronomers had been visiting each other and exchanging data for many centuries. In 2019, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) is celebrating its 100th anniversary by having 100 hours of observing activities. The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) St. John's Centre in association with the Johnson Geocentre are taking part in these celebrations.

Public Invitation to 100th Anniversary Celebration

The public is invited to join the Johnson Geocentre and RASC St. John's Centre in celebrating International Astronomical Union's (IAU) 100th Anniversary .

100 Hours of Worldwide Viewing Activities

On January 12th we will be taking part in IAU of a 100 hours of worldwide observing activities. Come join members of the St. John's Centre RASC in the following activities:

Free Public Solar Observing (Weather Permitting)

Free Telescope and Astronomy Display

Free Workshop "How to Set Up Your Telescope" (Celestial Gallery)

And Bonus Activities with Geocentre Admission

With your normal admission, the Johnson Geocentre is offering the following bonus activities in celebrating IAU Day:

Planetarium Show – "Two Pieces of Glass"

(Johnson Geocentre Mobile Planetarium) The story of two children as they go to their first "star party" and learn about telescopes and how they are used to see the planets, stars and other heavenly bodies.

Drive a Mars Rover

(Quidi Vidi and Gibbett Hill Rooms) Have you ever wonder how they drive the Mars Rover from Earth? Come join the Johnson GeoCentre Interpretation Staff as they let you drive our rovers over our obstacle course.