Program Ideas

Organizations may want to plan children's activities or a family event to coincide with the exhibit. Events could include bringing in speakers, holding shows in a portable planetarium, or an <u>evening telescope observing session</u>. Consider getting in touch with <u>local astronomical societies</u>, planetariums, and museums, local scientists (astronomy and geology departments at nearby universities are a good place to start), and <u>NASA's Solar System Ambassadors</u> – ask them to join your events and share their experiences or resources with the children.

There are a variety of resources available in planning children's activities related to the Moon, in addition to the activity listed in each exhibit's resource section. You may want to examine these:

Explore! Marvel Moon

www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/marvelMoon

Created for use in informal educational settings such as libraries, this site will acquaint audiences with our scientific, cultural, and personal understanding of Earth's nearest natural neighbor. This site contains hands-on activities, background information and Web sites for further exploration.

Explore! To the Moon and Beyond with the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Mission www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/LRO

Created for use in informal educational settings such as libraries, this site covers the lunar environment and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter through hands-on activities, background

information, suggested books and Web sites for further exploration.

Exploring the Moon: NASA ARES

<u>ares.jsc.nasa.gov/interaction/Imdp/documents/58199main_exploring_the_moon.pdf</u>
This online book has many hands-on activities and background information on lunar geology and more. This site contains teacher activities appropriate to be done in the classroom for middle school and high school students.

Virtual Lunar Sample Laboratory Tour

curator.jsc.nasa.gov/lunar/laboratory tour.cfm

Built in 1979, the Lunar Sample Laboratory Facility is the chief repository for the Apollo samples. It was constructed to provide permanent storage of the lunar sample collection in a physically secure and non-contaminating environment.

International Observe the Moon Night (An Annual Event)

moon.nasa.gov/observe-the-moon

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide celebration of lunar science and exploration, celestial observation, and our cultural and personal connections to the Moon. One day each year, everyone on Earth is invited to observe, learn about, and celebrate the Moon together.