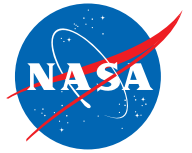




YEAR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM



The Planetary Science Division
of NASA's Science Mission Directorate
is celebrating...

The Year of the Solar System: New Worlds, New Discoveries

Beginning in October 2010!

Spanning a Martian Year—23 months—the Year of the Solar System celebrates the amazing discoveries of numerous NASA missions as they explore our planetary neighbors and probe the outer edges of our Solar System. New missions will further explore Jupiter, the Earth's Moon, and Mars. Others will encounter comets and asteroids, and continue to decipher the mysteries of the Sun, Mercury, Saturn, and our home planet, Earth. It is an unprecedented time in planetary sciences as we learn about new worlds and make new discoveries!

Each month from October 2010 to August 2012 will highlight different aspects of our Solar System—its formation, volcanism, gravity, ice, life elsewhere?—weaving together activities, resources, and ideas that teachers, clubs, and organizations can use to engage audiences. Promotional and educational materials, updates, a calendar of activities, and a space to share Year of the Solar System experiences are available at NASA's Solar System website:

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/yss>

Year of the Solar System Kick Off! Starting in October 2010, museums, libraries, science centers, schools, planetariums, and others are invited to create their own scale models of the Solar System and share their events and experiences through the Year of the Solar System website! See the website for guidelines and more information.

We look forward to celebrating the Year of the Solar System with you and your audiences as we explore New Worlds and make New Discoveries together!