

Cernan Earth and Space Center

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2008 Monthly Skywatch (with telescope viewing)

One Saturday night each month, take a voyage to explore the cosmos! **The Cernan Earth and Space Center's Monthly Skywatch** brings you the excitement of the current nighttime sky; the latest discoveries in astronomy, space science and Earth science; and (if weather permits) the opportunity to observe the moon, planets and other wonders of the sky through telescopes set up on the lawn outside the building. Telescopes are provided by volunteers from the **Chicago Astronomical Society** and **Cernan Center** staff members.

Please note: Because the Monthly Skywatch presents scientific information at a more advanced level than our regular shows, we recommend it only for persons 13 years and older.

Admission for Monthly Skywatches:

Adults \$8, Children 2 to 12/Senior citizens 55 and over \$4, Children under 2 FREE

Triton College students w/current semester I.D. (courtesy of TCSA) FREE

Observing FREE to all!

The following are the dates and topics for upcoming Monthly Skywatches, which are presented on Saturday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dates and topics are subject to change. Please call the Cernan Center at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372, for more information.

Planets whose names are shown in boldface type are at their best viewing position of the year this month.

Upcoming Monthly Skywatches Featured Object(s)

January 19	Mars, Saturn, Moon (92% lit)
February 23	Mars, Saturn , Moon (91% lit)
March 15	Mars, Saturn, Moon (68% lit)
April 12	Mars, Saturn, Moon (53% lit)
May 10	Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Moon (38% lit)
June 7	Mars, Saturn, Moon (24% lit)
July 12	Mars, Jupiter , Saturn, Moon (77% lit)
August 9	Jupiter, Moon (62% lit)
September 13	Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Moon (98% lit)
October 11	Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Moon (91% lit)
November 8	Uranus, Neptune, Moon (79% lit)
December 6	Uranus, Moon (63% lit)

The Cernan Earth and Space Center also hosts special observing sessions when major celestial events occur, such as eclipses and bright comets. **The Chicago Astronomical Society** sponsors their own series of public observing sessions at several metropolitan locations. Call the **Cernan Center** at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372, for more information.