



AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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KIDS FLY TO THE STARS DURING FIRST DIGITAL UNIVERSE FLIGHT SCHOOL AT AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

WHAT Join a group of middle-school “virtual space pilots” at the American Museum of Natural History as they practice their navigation skills and fly through our solar system and beyond in the Rose Center for Earth and Space.

The Museum has trained 12-14 year-olds in its first **Digital Universe Flight School** (February 20–24) to master the Digital Universe Atlas, a cutting-edge, scientifically accurate 3-D digital map of the known universe that is used to produce the Museum’s acclaimed Space Shows such as *Journey to the Stars*, which is now on view.

The Museum’s educators and astrophysicists have teamed up to help students design their own personalized tours through the cosmos, whether it’s a mission to Mars, an afternoon flight to Europa, or a flyby of the nearest exoplanet.

On Friday, February 24, at 11 am, the students will practice on the small screen before they take over the controls and treat family and guests to a ride through space in the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater at 5 pm.

WHEN **Friday, February 24**
11 am–Noon

WHERE **American Museum of Natural History, Rose Center Classroom**
Press should enter through the 81st Street entrance between Columbus Avenue and Central Park West.

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