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Greetings Fellow Astronomy and Space Enthusiasts,

Welcome back! We had a busy summer this year. ASX saw two of our members attend the International Space University's Summer Session in Barcelona, Spain. Furthermore, we participated in numerous events, including *Starfest*, Canada's largest annual observing convention and star party hosted by the North York Astronomical Association. We hope you also had a great summer, and are ready for another great year of Astronomy and Space Exploration events!

Please find below our upcoming events and latest news.

Clear Skies,

ASX

I. ASX Welcome Party

DATE & TIME: Thursday, September 25, 2008, 7:00 PM (Doors open 6:30 PM)

LOCATION: University of Toronto, St. George Campus, 5 Bancroft Ave.
Earth Sciences Auditorium
Campus Map: <http://rrs.osm.utoronto.ca/map/>

FEATURING: Michael Lennick, Film-Maker, Foolish Earthling Productions

FEATURED FILM:

The Highest Step in the World

This feature was recently honored with First Prize at the 2007 White Sands Film Festival, as well as the Judges' Choice Award for Best Documentary.



STAR GAZING: Session starts at 9:30 PM

FREE PIZZA & POP with pre-registration. For more details see:
<http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/>

If you have not received this e-newsletter directly, and would like to hear about future ASX news and events, please email space.society@utoronto.ca with subject line "Newsletter Signup".



II. ASX Open Executive Positions/Call for Volunteers

Do you want to be part of a club that hosts the LARGEST event in not just all of U of T campus but also the GTA?

Have you ever wanted to develop your leadership abilities, your organization and teamwork skills, or put your creativity in use in real life applications?

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge about science and technology, and the various professions that are available in the Space industry?

ASX is looking for talented and keen individuals for volunteering and several open club positions, including:

Volunteers for Welcome Party (Sept 25): DJ, Postering, Door Attendee, Food & Drinks Attendee

Assistant Executives*: Graphic Designer, Marketing Coordinator, ASX Radio-Show Co-host, Department/Faculty Liaison, Event Volunteer - Symposium, FoS, Observing

Executive Positions*:

- Secretary
 - Liaises with Student Affairs (SA) and the Sussex Club House
 - Responsible for ASX's record keeping, including meeting minutes, agreements, and contact lists
 - Books rooms for events and meeting, including A/V and other setup as needed
- Communications Director
 - Oversees the ASX website (<http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/>) and work with the ASX Webmaster to update/maintain/renovate it
 - Manages ASX emails (space.society@utoronto.ca) and membership database
 - Writes email newsletters/updates to ASX members about upcoming events
- Outreach Director
 - Directs all outreach efforts to recruit new members, and connects with students from universities, high schools and elementary schools across the GTA
 - Cultivates relationships with other astronomy/space organizations (e.g CSA, CSS, RASC, etc) in the GTA and nationwide
 - Manages partnerships and cross-promotional efforts

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email us at space.society@utoronto.ca.

*Note: ASX will be holding a bi-elections meeting in October, where interested individuals can run for these position and be voted on. E-mail us your request to run for a position by **September 30, 2008**.

III. Upcoming Astronomy and Space Events



Friday September 19, 2008

U of T Department of Astronomy Weekly Lecture

Prof. Josh Eisner, *The Building Blocks of Planets*

Cody Hall, University of Toronto

Time: 2PM – 3PM (refreshments afterwards)

More info:

<http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/colloquia.html/long.html#Sep19>

Tuesday September 23, 2008

Mission to Mars – The Space Society of London

Join the SSoL to hear about the extraordinary adventures of two Western graduate students who lived on Mars for a summer

Location: Physics & Astronomy Building, room 123, University of Western Ontario, London

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

More info: <http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/partners.php>



Friday September 26, 2008

U of T Department of Astronomy Weekly Lecture

Prof. Peter Martin, *Mapping the Interstellar Medium*

Cody Hall, University of Toronto

Time: 2PM – 3PM (refreshments afterwards)

More info:

<http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/colloquia.html/long.html#Sep26>

Saturday September 27, 2008

RASC Fall Astronomy Day

Information Display

Laurentian Power Centre, Waterloo

Time: 10AM – 4PM

Telescope Promotions

KW Telescope, Waterloo

Time: 10AM – 6PM

Star Party

Band Shell, Waterloo Park

6PM onwards

More info: <http://www.rasc.ca/astroday>





Wednesday October 1, 2008

NASA's 50th Anniversary

Commemorate fifty years with the National Aeronautics and Space Association
More info: <http://www.nasa.gov/>

Thursday October 2, 2008

U of T Department of Astronomy Public Tour

We are made of Stardust: studying the nurseries of stars, planets and life

McLennan Physical Lab Building, Room103, University of Toronto

Time: 8:10 PM – 10 PM (45 min. talk + 45 min. observing)

More info:

http://www.astro.utoronto.ca/~gasa/public_talk/2008APT/0810flyer.pdf



Friday November 21 to Sunday November 23, 2008

Canadian Space Summit

“What’s Next” – Current and Future Canadian Space Issues

McGill University, Montreal

More info: <http://www.css.ca/summit2008/>

For national space events, refer to CSS discussion lists at <http://www.css.ca/discussionlists/>.

We also invite you to join our Facebook groups:

ASX: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2226718345>

CSS: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=12706081197>