

# Re: NYC Planetarium

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In article <15398-44F6DFCB-215@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Marty <movac5@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Some of my best childhood memories involve going to the planetarium at the University of Nebraska. When my kids were young, although I live in Iowa now, I took my daughter and son to the U of N planetarium to give them a taste of the thrill I experienced. This was about 17 years ago, and I learned then that "pointer shows" no longer existed. We watched a Magic School Bus slide show on the side of the dome, and saw a very impressive video of flying over the surface of Mars, but I left disappointed. The only time the star projector was turned on was for a "special effect" where the stars spun around when the magic school bus was spinning for some reason. Talking with my 6 year old son later, he told me that his favorite part of the show was when the ceiling was covered with stars.

I know that planetaria have to make money, and I know that they have to cater to what the public will pay for. But somehow, something wonderful has been lost.

Marty

I fully agree with that....

Perhaps the younger generation, many of whom have never seen a truly dark sky, therefore see no value in a splendid sky simulation? They're used to tv screen quality and are content with that, perhaps?

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