PLANETARIUMS AND OBSERVATORIES IN KANSAS

We would very much like to hear from teachers who have used any of the following resources. Please take the time to write us a note describing which you've used and any ways you have tied these experiences into your curriculum.

Viewing Opportunities

CLYDE W. TOMBAUGH OBSERVATORY. Tel: 913-864-4016. 500 Lindley Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. Stephen Shawl, Director. For a recorded message call 864-3166. Open Fridays with clear skies, 8-10 p.m. Very limited services available to schools, due to lack of available personnel.


KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MOBILE TELESCOPE. Tel: 913-532-6786. Ted Geisert, Director. The mobile telescope and KSU planetarium are temporarily out of operation. However, plans for future programming are being formulated.

LAKE AFTON PUBLIC OBSERVATORY. Tel: 316-689-3191. 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67208. Greg Novacek, Director. For a recorded message of current sky conditions and programs call 316-794-8995. School groups by reservation only on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7-10 p.m. Open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings.

POWELL OBSERVATORY. c/o The Astronomical Society of Kansas City. P.O. Box 400, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Or, Larry Madison (ASKC president) and Hickman Mills Junior High School teacher) at 816-356-8030.

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY PLANETARIUM AND OBSERVATORY. Tel: 913-295-6330. Dr. Harry Nagy, Director. Planetarium programs and observatory viewing by reservation only.
Planetariums and Science Centers

KANSAS COSMOSPHERE AND SPACE CENTER. Tel: 316-662-2305.
Mr. Max Ary, Executive Director. 1100 North Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. Programs available from September through May. Their peak use periods are March, April, and May. Scheduling during other months will assure that you get more time and perhaps an extended program. (They also have a 39-minute video cassette presenting a guided tour of the KCSC.)

WICHITA OMNISHPERE AND SCIENCE CENTER. Tel: 316-264-3174.
Mr. Jose Olivarez, Director. 220 South Main, Wichita, KS 67200. In addition to regularly scheduled planetarium programs, they have an excellent hands-on exploratorium-type science museum with 60 science based activities for students. Their Challenger Hall is filled with more hands-on exhibits.

BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANETARIUM.
Tel: 316-792-2701 x120. Richard Cordaro, Director. Planetarium programs by reservation.

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY PLANETARIUM.
Tel: 316-343-1200 x5281. Professor Gerald Witten, Director. Planetarium programs by reservation.

RUSSELL KELCE PLANETARIUM. Tel: 316-231-7000.
Bruce Daniel, Director. Very active with schools, particularly effective in integrating their programs into primary and middle level curriculum areas. They have already begun scheduling groups into 1989.

NEWMAN COLLEGE PLANETARIUM. TEL: 316-942-4291 x142.
John Vogt, Director.

KANSAS CITY (MISSOURI) MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM.
Tel: 816-483-8300 x224. Susan Peterson, Director. Ten planetarium programs to choose from. Schools scheduled during the week days, open programming to the public on weekends and in the summer.

We would like to compile a list of schools which have planetariums. If your school has a planetarium, please write to us. We'd like to know what kind of equipment you have and something about how your school uses it in the curriculum.