

NEAF 2014 EVENTS & TALKS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Exhibit Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 6 pm

10:30–12:00 Telescopes for Beginners ((iOptron Theater FREE walk-in class).
Dr. Bernie Sokolowski describes the three basic kinds of telescopes and mounts and what to look for when buying and using them.

Celestron Theater Schedule

11:30–11:45 Welcoming remarks by **Ed Siemenn, Mies Hora & Vinny Coulehan**,
Rockland Astronomy Club, with *Sky & Telescope* magazine and *Astronomy Magazine*

11:45–12:45 **Monica Young**, *S&T*, Astrophysicist –
Black Holes, Quasars, and Object G2 at the Center of the Galaxy

1:00–2:00 **Rick Feinberg**, AAS Public Relations Director –
The New Era of Professional-Amateur Collaboration in Astronomy

2:15–3:15 **Garik Israelyan**, Renowned Astrophysicist, Creator of STARMUS International Conference

3:30–4:30 **Neil deGrasse Tyson**, Host of new *COSMOS* FOX-TV Series – Special Skype Presentation

KEYNOTE

4:45–5:45 **Alan Stern**, Pluto Advocate and Principal Investigator – NASA 'New Horizons' Mission

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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10:30–12:00 Telescopes for Beginners ((iOptron Theater FREE walk-in class).
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12:00–1:00 **Dave Eicher**, Executive Editor, *Astronomy Magazine* – Comets: Visitors from Deep Space

1:30–2:30 **Stephen Ramsden**, Director, Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project –
The Importance of STEM Outreach in the Community and a 2013-2014 Solar Activity Recap

2:45–3:45 **Joe Rao**, Meteorologist, News12 TV Personality – The 2014 Comet LINEAR Meteor Shower

KEYNOTE

4:00–5:00 **Matt Greenhouse**, NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center – The James Webb Space Telescope