

NEAF 2015 EVENTS & TALKS SCHEDULE*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Exhibit Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 6 pm

10:30–12:00 Telescopes for Beginners (Field House 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 **J. Kelly Beatty**, *Sky and Telescope*, Senior Editor

1:00–2:00 **Christopher Go**, Astro Imager

2:15–3:15 **Matt Penn**, Chief telescope scientist, Kitt Peak McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope

3:30–4:30 **Peter Saulson**, Spokesmen for LIGO gravity wave detection project

KEYNOTE

4:45–5:45 **Bill Gerstenmaier**, NASA Associate Administrator for Human Spaceflight, NASA HQ

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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10:30–12:00 Telescopes for Beginners (Field House Theater, FREE walk-in class).
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12:00–1:00 **Dave Eicher**, Editor-in-Chief, *Astronomy Magazine*

1:30–2:30 **Stephen Ramsden**, Director, Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project, and
Ben Jenkins, Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project

2:45–3:45 **Alan Hirshfeld**, U of Mass, Author of *Parallax* and *Starlight Detectives*

KEYNOTE

4:00–5:00 **Marc Rayman**, Mission Director/Chief Scientist, NASA/JPL Dawn Mission to Vesta & Ceres

**Speakers and schedule are subject to change.*