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NASA'S PHOENIX PROBE LANDS ON MARS ON MAY 25, 2008 Planetarium hosts an open house event

This is just a reminder that we are scheduled to have a *free* open house event for the public on Sunday, May 25, 2008 from 4 PM – 8 PM for the landing of the NASA Phoenix mission to Mars. One of Phoenix's main goals is to study the Martian North Pole in search of water. We will be offering 20 minute symposiums beginning at 4:30 PM, and concluding with live NASA coverage of the landing beginning at 7:00. The first 65 people to reserve seats will view the event in the planetarium. Additional guests will be seated in the science building's main lecture hall.

Also, we are currently running our spring public programs through June 14th:

The Dawn of New Horizons: Fridays at 7:30; Saturdays at 2:30
Nights of the Vernal Bloom: Fridays at 8:30; Saturdays at 3:30

A free observation hour follows *Nights of the Vernal Bloom*, weather permitting. We are also offering free admission to dads with purchase of one or more tickets for their children on the June 13-14 weekend. Tickets are \$5.00, and can be reserved by calling the planetarium at (716)878-4911. Patrons can also visit our website at www.fergusonplanetarium.net

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