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Celestial Bodies Come Alive At 'Great Balls Of Fire'



(NAPSA)—Good news for anyone who has ever wondered how astronomers track objects like comets or what it would be like to study an asteroid belt up close. The new Great Balls of Fire interactive exhibit at Florida's Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex lets you do that and much more, while discovering the risks that asteroids, comets and meteorites present to the planet. The exhibit explores how to keep track of near-Earth objects while examining the effects of possible impacts. It includes the Asteroid Encounter experience that lets you climb aboard a "spaceship" and blast off to the asteroid belt and Jupiter while compiling data about asteroids and comets. You can also explore what would happen if one of these celestial bodies were to hit close to home, determine Science Fact or Science Fiction of Hollywood movie clips and take part in many other activities. While at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, you can also see the historic Atlantis spacecraft, a Saturn V moon rocket, IMAX 3-D space films, the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame and tour Kennedy Space Center itself. Further facts and fun can be found at (855) 378-0167 and www.KennedySpaceCenter.com. You may even win a bit of space all your own. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and Astronomy magazine have partnered to host the Great Balls of Fire Sweepstakes, giving away a 9.6-pound authentic meteorite collectible and a space adventure trip for four to the Visitor Complex. You can enter the sweepstakes online at www.astronomy.com/KennedySweeps until midnight on Nov. 30.

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