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Activity: 20 March 2002 • Company Seven Supporting NASA Sun-Earth Day •



NASA's Office of Space Science (OSS) explores four broad themes: "Sun-Earth Connection," "Solar System Exploration," "Structure and Evolution of the Universe," and "Astronomical Search for Origins and Planetary Systems." For each of these themes OSS has created an "Education Forum" so that educators, students and the public can share the excitement of those discoveries and knowledge generated by Space Science missions and research programs. The Sun-Earth Connection Education Forum is a partnership between NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center and UC Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory whose mission is to increase science literacy and steward Sun-Earth Connection science resources. To visit the NASA Web Site of the organizations involved, simply visit "http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/SECEF_SunEarthDay/".

Sun-Earth Day is a national celebration of the Sun, the space around the Earth (geospace), and how all of it affects life on our planet. In classrooms, museums, planetaria, and at NASA centers -- not to mention hundreds of National Astronomy Day celebrations -- the plan is to have a blast sharing stories, images, and activities related to the Sun-Earth connections in our solar system. Sun-Earth Day 2002 is sponsored by NASA's Sun-earth Connection Education Forum, the joint ESA-NASA Solar and Heliospheric Observatory mission, and The Astronomical League (sponsors of National Astronomy Day).

In response to a request from NASA, Company Seven will again support Sun-Earth Day on March 20 and Saturday 23 March with Solar Observing (weather permitting) and an Open House from 11 am into the afternoon at our Laurel, Maryland showroom/museum. Activities will include light fare and refreshments, and we will feature Solar Observing, with several premium apochromatic refracting telescopes equipped to observe the Sun in "white light", and in "Hydrogen Alpha" and "Calcium K-Line" with our DayStar filters. Visitors who wish to take home an image of the Sun will be helped to attach their compatible film or video cameras to our telescopes; we suggest calling us in advance. News media who wish to obtain a live video feed should contact us in advance too.

Company Seven is at 14300 Cherry Lane Court in Laurel, Maryland. Phone 301-953-2000. Hours: Monday to Friday 11 am to 6 pm Eastern Time, Saturday 11 am to 5 pm. We are closed on Sunday, and on U.S. Federal Holidays. Visit us at <www.company7.com> or Email to "info@company7.com"