

Film on solar system at Wagner planetarium

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Are your kids actually looking forward to going back to school because they've done everything under the sun this summer?

Here's something different: Why not show them the universe?

Next week, the Wagner College Planetarium will screen "Oasis in Space," a 24-minute film that tours the solar system from its creation, looks for water

on other planets, and explores the possibility that we are not alone.

The three-day event, which is suitable for ages 6 and up, also will offer a look at the late-summer night sky using the planetarium's SciDome HD projection system.

The program, which will last an hour, is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The cost is \$4 per person, but seating is limited to 55 people per show on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wagner College is located at 1 Campus Road on Grymes Hill. The planetarium is on the second floor of Spiro Hall. Motorists looking for parking should enter through the main entrance on Howard Avenue; they will be directed to the public parking area at the Public Safety kiosk.

The Wagner College Planetarium is one of three in New York City; the others are the Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium and the planetarium at Columbia University.