

UCSD Open House

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The University of California, San Diego is one of the nation's foremost scientific research institutions and visitors to the second annual Open House on Sunday, April 27, will have a rare opportunity to view firsthand some of the campus' scientific accomplishments.

There will be tours of selected laboratories, numerous science films, lectures on various scientific topics and exhibits by departments on the main campus as well as Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the School of Medicine and University Hospital.

Among the attractions open to the public from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. will be laboratories reflecting research in biochemistry, biology, space science and electron microscopes.

A day-long science film festival will take viewers to the bottom of the ocean in the National Geographic film "Dive to the Edge of Creation" and to the farthest reaches of the cosmos in "HEAO-The New Universe," a National Aeronautics and Space Administration film which examines how scientists are studying cosmic rays to learn more about spectacular phenomena such as black holes and pulsating stars.

Other films in the free festival will highlight the recent Voyager flyby of Jupiter and the landing on Mars.

The Department of Anthropology will have a series of four films about primate research. The series will be hosted by anthropologist Shirley Strum who has spent several years in Africa studying baboon behavior. She will present the American premiere of an hour-long, British-made documentary on some of her research titled "Shirley Strum and the Pumphouse Gang" at 12:15 p.m. in room 1330 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

Two areas have been set aside for science exhibits. In the Science Teaching Laboratory at Third College visitors can view the latest research findings from the Center for Astrophysics and Space Science, take a simple test for color blindness at the Department of Psychology exhibit, take a computer image tour through the human brain and learn about the latest in computer science from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences.

The UC San Diego collection of moon rocks will be on display in the lobby of Urey Hall on the Revelle campus. A demonstration of the phenomenon of superconductivity and a computer that creates original pictures will also be located in the Urey Hall lobby. Visitors will be able to take home some original computer art.

The Medical School and University Hospital will have more than a dozen exhibits near the Third College Lecture Halls highlighted by a life size mock-up of a planned medical research expedition to the slopes of Mt. Everest.

Dr. John Asmus will demonstrate how lasers are being used to clean priceless works of art in a spectacular show in room 1110 of the Psychology and Linguistics Building on the Muir campus.

There will also be lectures by faculty members on topics ranging from "Black Holes" to "Life at Deep Ocean Hot Springs."

Visitors are invited to stop by one of the information booths on campus the day of Open House to pick up a detailed schedule of events.

In addition to things scientific, the Open House will also feature music, folk dancing, games of skill, art shows, campus tours and college information booths. Most of the campus snack bars, including the deli and the pub, will be open for public use.

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