Do NASA Science LIVE!

Planning Webinar

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Introduce yourself in the chat!

Tell us your name and where you are joining from.

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Agenda

- **Overview:** Citizen Science, NASA Citizen Science
- ***Do NASA Science LIVE!*** Series description, dates/times
- **Role of Ambassadors, Libraries and Museums**
- **Resources** to host/facilitate livestream events, funding availability
- **Connections** to Citizen Science Month and America 250
- **Next Steps**

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Citizen Science is Serious Science

A global movement that enables people from all walks of life to contribute to real scientific research in collaboration with scientists.

Anytime, from anywhere.

Participatory Research, Community Science, Neighborhood Science, Civic Science, Crowdsourcing

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A global hub for citizen science participation:

- *Free accounts for volunteers and institutions*
- *Tools, trainings, and facilitation resources*



Create your free account: SciStarter.org/login

Join NASA researchers and discover the secrets of the universe, search for life elsewhere, and protect and improve life on Earth and in space.

science.nasa.gov/citizenscience

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Introducing
Do NASA Science LIVE!

SciStarter, **NASA**, and the **NASA Solar System Ambassador (SSA)** program announce: ***Do NASA Science Live!*** A national series of interactive events inviting everyone—students, families, hobbyists, and lifelong learners—to help NASA do real science.

Each LIVE event features a NASA project spotlight, a live Q&A with scientists, and hands-on project participation you can do from any device.

Open to families, students, and lifelong learners, ages 13 and up.

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Why Host a Satellite Event?

Connect your community directly with NASA scientists

- ➢ Simple, high impact STEM programming
- ➢ Accelerate scientific research + advancing local STEM learning.
- ➢ Ready made facilitation and promotional resources will be provided.

Many Places. One Purpose. Acts that advance NASA science.
–NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED–

SciStarter does the heavy lifting!

All you need to do is **sign up** to host a satellite event, **invite** your community, **prepare** WiFi and devices, **add** your own creative flare!

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When are the virtual events?

- ❏ Thursday, December 11, 2025
- ❏ Wednesday, February 11, 2026
- ❏ Thursday, April 2, 2026 (choose from two live sessions)
- ❏ Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (choose from two live sessions)

Note: The April *Do NASA Science LIVE!* events are a part of "*Acts of Science: Connected*" for Citizen Science Month.

Register for Dec 11:

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How to host a satellite event or support one:

1. Create or login to your SciStarter Account.
2. Complete SciStarter's Foundations of Citizen Science Training and earn the badge.
3. Complete the SciStarter Ambassador training module to earn the Champion Certificate.
4. View one of our past events with NASA on SciStarter's Youtube Channel
5. **Attend/watch the recording of the planning webinar (✔)**
6. Register for one or more of the *Do NASA Science LIVE!* Events and share your satellite location!

Instructions:

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Roles for Ambassadors

Onsite Hosts & Facilitators

- Your community's access to NASA Science
- Tech and Livestream Support

Online Moderators

- Chat and Q&A moderation
- Additional project guidance

Instructions:

We need your help to inspire discovery and engage communities.

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What Hosting Looks Like

Arrival & Setup

- Open the Zoom link on a large screen with audio
- Welcome your guests into the space, set up devices
- Optional: pass out sticky notes for documenting questions for Q&A

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- SciStarter will orient the viewers and introduce the project scientists
- Meet the Scientists! Learn about the research goals and how to participate
- Participate together in the project! Guidance on screen, Q&A throughout

Wrap-up

- Project leader shares what our impact is, and SciStarter closes out the call
- Distribute takeaways to enable further engagement and invite them back for more!

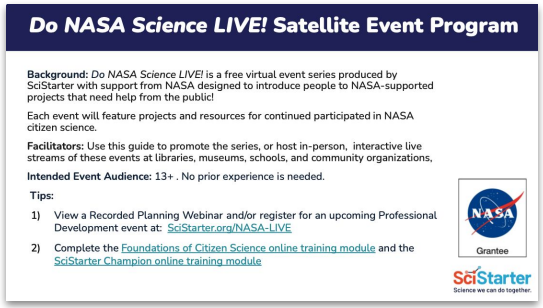
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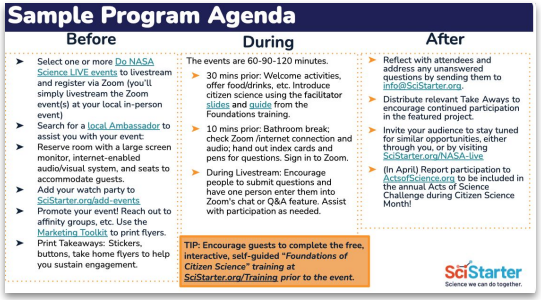
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Marketing Toolkit





- Print-ready posters
- Editable Canva Templates
- Satellite Host Mini Guide



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Mini-Grants: Funding

Twenty selected partners will receive **$500** to host a satellite event that streams a virtual ***Do NASA Science LIVE!*** session into their community.

- SciStarter provides the virtual event, featured project, scientist(s), and marketing materials.
- Hosts provide the space, participants, and onsite facilitation. Hosts need an A/V setup (screen, audio, internet). Devices for attendees are encouraged..

Qualified events take place **December 11, 2025 – April 29, 2026**, and April events contribute to the **2.5 Million Acts of Science** goal for Citizen Science Month, part of America250's *America Gives* initiative.

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Mini-Grants: Funding

Expectations

- Complete prerequisite trainings
- Watch a past Do NASA Science LIVE event; Host one or more in-person events (you provide space, WiFi, screen, and facilitation);
- Plan and promote your event (add it to SciStarter.org/add-event);
- Report attendance and citizen science engagement;
- ***For April events:*** report Acts of Science on CitizenScienceMonth.org and share at least one event photo with **#ActsofScience**

Benefits

- $500 stipend for materials, food, promotion, and/or supplies;
- Access to planning webinars;
- Professional development via NASA Solar System Ambassadors, SciStarter Ambassadors, or the Citizen & Community Science Library Network;
- Connect your community directly with NASA science

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Mini-Grants: Funding

Apply for a $500 Stipend by January 1st, 2026.

How to Apply:

[Review the Grant Expectations]

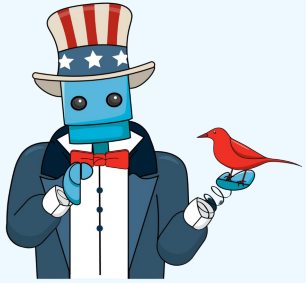
[Submit a Grant Application]

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CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

APRIL 2026



AMERICA 250

2.50 MILLION ACTS OF SCIENCE

Acts of Science: Connected

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Event 1: Thursday, April 2, 2026- Do NASA Science; discover new galaxies, black holes, and uncover mysteries on our moon
Afternoon: 11 am-1pm PT/ 2-4pm ET
Evening: 6-8pm PT/ 9–11 pm ET

Event 2: Friday, April 10, 2026 - Help transcribe documents in our National Archives to unveil American History
Afternoon: 11am-1pm PT / 2-4pm ET
Evening: 3-5pm PT / 6-8pm ET

Event 3: Thursday, April 16, 2026 - Play an online game to help accelerate research on Alzheimer's
Afternoon: 11am-1pm PT / 2-4pm ET
Late Afternoon: 3-5pm PT / 6-8pm ET
Evening: 6-8pm PT / 9-11pm ET

Event 4: Wednesday, April 22, 2026- It's EARTH DAY! Help scientists identify as many animals as possible in camera trap images
Afternoon: 8-10am PT / 11am-1 ET
Evening: 3-5pm PT / 6-8pm ET

Event 5: Wednesday, April 29, 2026- Do NASA Science; discover new galaxies, black holes, and uncover mysteries on our moon
Afternoon: 3-5pm PT / 6-8pm ET
Evening: 6-8pm PT / 9-11pm ET

Weekly Events!
Host one or more!

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Questions?

Contact us at info@scistarter.org



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Next Steps

- Visit SciStarter.org/NASA-LIVE to complete all the prerequisites under **“For Ambassadors”** to prepare to host and qualify for funding.
- Register on Zoom **(first event is December 11th)** to tune in or host a satellite event
  - You will receive a Satellite Host Mini Guide, Marketing Toolkit, and Ongoing Support
  - Satellite locations will be added to an event map
- Apply for **funding** (applications are due January 1st)!

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