Welcome to Do NASA Science LIVE!

Ambassadors & Champions from SciStarter &
NASA's Solar System Ambassador Network

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Your Guides for Today



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Who’s in the Room

- ➔ SciStarter Ambassadors & Champions
- ➔ NASA Solar System Ambassadors
- ➔ Educators, librarians, community leaders
- ➔ Citizen science champions at every level

No matter your role—you’re part of the mission.

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Why Do NASA Science Live (DNSL)?

- ➔ Bring **real NASA science** to real communities
- ➔ Make participation easy, social, and fun
- ➔ Empower YOU to host, facilitate, or participate in NASA citizen science

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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.

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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

So what *is* DNSL?

Do NASA Science LIVE! is a **monthly, interactive, virtual event series** where:

- NASA scientists & project leaders connect directly with the public (ANYONE, ANYWHERE)
- Participants **do real science together—from home or from a local in-person gathering)**
- Events are hosted or facilitated by museums, libraries, community organizations and trained volunteers (that's you!)

Not a lecture. Not a webinar.
It's a shared science experience.

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Choose Your Adventure

Opportunities for Ambassadors:

- **Host** a satellite event and live stream the event to your audience
- **Facilitate** a satellite event with a library or community partner
- **Promote** the event to your networks (email or social media)
- **Support as a Moderator** for the Zoom events; address chat and the Q&A
- **Participate** in projected featured during the Zoom event

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Do NASA Science LIVE!
2026 Event Dates

Cosmic Pioneers: Discovering Distant Galaxies Together Feat. Dark Energy Explorers
Feb 11 | 3:30 PM PT / 6:30 PM ET

What's the Weather Like on Mars? Feat. Cloudspotting on Mars
April 2 | 11AM PT / 2PM ET & 6PM PT/9PM ET

Earth Day Animal Spot-A-Thon Feat. Snapshot Wisconsin
April 22 | 8AM PT/11AM ET & 3PM PT/6PM ET

Comets, Clues, and Our Cosmic Story Feat. Rubin Comet Catchers
April 29 | 3PM PT/6PM ET & 6PM PT/9PM ET

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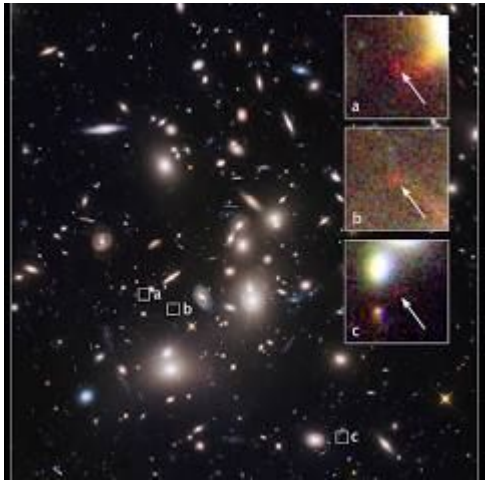
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Feb 11 Featured Project: Dark Energy Explorers

Project Goal: Help scientists understand *dark energy* — the mysterious force driving the universe's accelerating expansion — by building the largest 3D map of distant galaxies from telescope data.

What Volunteers Do: Classify telescope images to identify *real distant galaxies* vs. noise.

Why It Helps: Adds *millions* of classifications from volunteers worldwide to critical datasets -> Reduces false detections and accelerates research that would be too slow for small teams alone -> Improves scientific measurement of the universe's expansion history



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Feb 11 Featured Project: Dark Energy Explorers

Let's Take a Moment to Sign up and Prepare (AKA The Boring Part!)

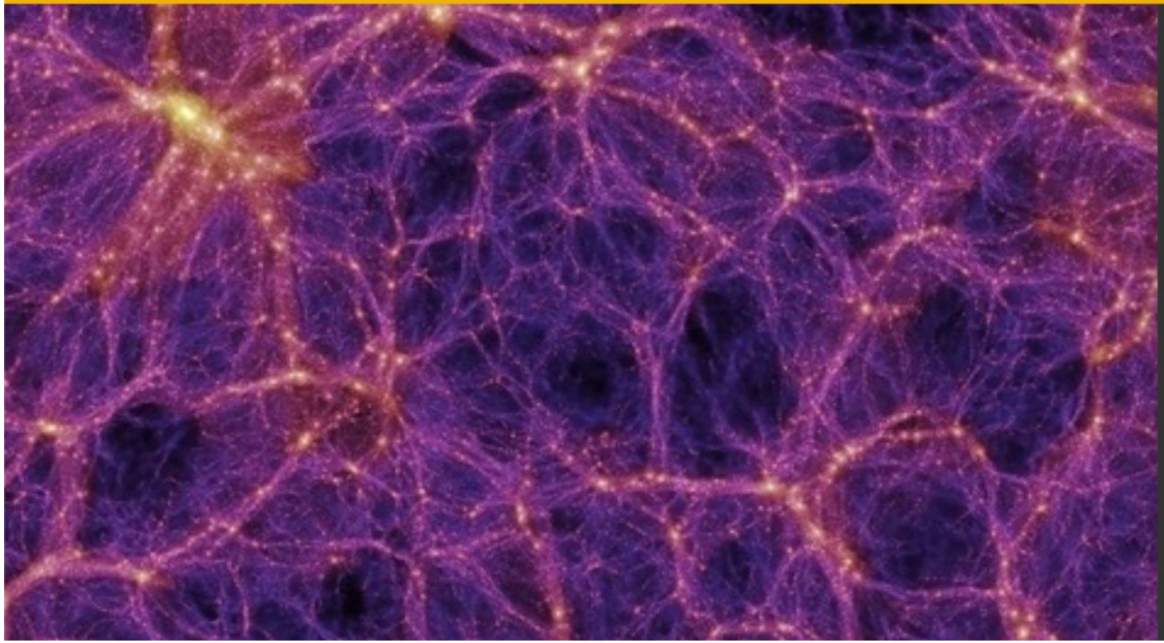
1. Sign up or login to SciStarter: SciStarter.org/login
2. Create a Zooniverse account: Zooniverse.org (remember your username)
3. Return to SciStarter.org and click the dropdown icon next to your profile name
4. Select "My Info & Settings"
5. Scroll down to "Affiliate Integration" and enter your Zooniverse username where requested
6. Click Save

You'll only do this one time. Now, your participation in this project is also credited in your SciStarter profile , counted towards a collective goal of 2.50 Million Acts of Science this April (Citizen Science Month), and become part of your personal dashboard.

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Dark Energy Explorers ENGLISH ABOUT CLASSIFY TALK COLLECT

You may notice changes to the 'Done & Talk' pages! The Zooniverse team is testing out some new Talk designs, and these changes are only available on a few projects right now, so they would love your feedback. Click here to share your thoughts: https://forms.gle/stgM6H6ioUp42CjF8



DARK ENERGY EXPLORERS

Identify distant galaxies to help measure dark energy when the universe was just ~2-3 billion years old

LEARN MORE

GET STARTED!

Begin to venture off into the deep depths of space and look at images from our Hobby-Eberly Telescope. You will be working to discover galaxies. You will be the first person to ever see these galaxies!! Check out the 'Fishing for Real Galaxies in a Sea of Noise' workflow. If you're up for the challenge, you will work towards recognizing a true signal and finding the farthest galaxies away!

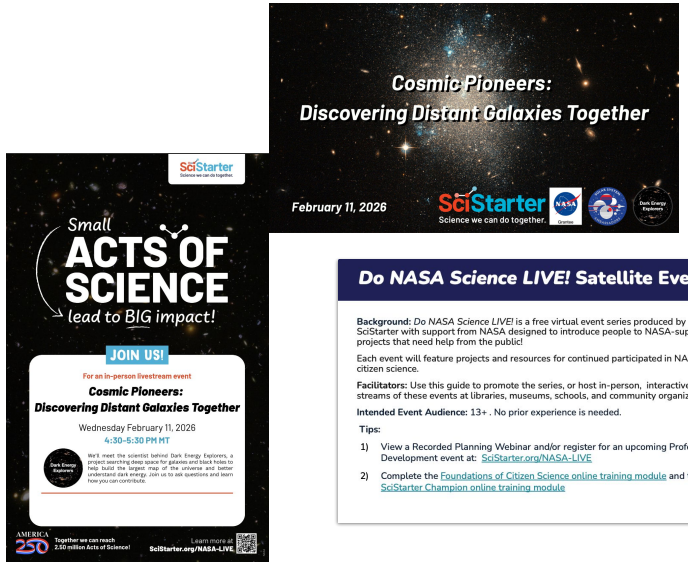
90% COMPLETE
Fishing for Real Galaxies in a Sea of Noise

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Hosting DNSL Satellite Event

Hosts receive:

- ✓ Turn-key event materials
- ✓ Promotion support from SciStarter
- ✓ Training & live support
- ✓ Grant funding (yes, really!)



Event Toolkit:

pages.SciStarter.org/nasa-live/dnsl-cosmic-pioneers/

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Two Ways Ambassadors Support *Do NASA Science LIVE!*

Host or Facilitate an In-Person Livestream Event

(Libraries, museums, schools, community spaces)

- Open the Zoom livestream on a large screen with audio
- Welcome guests and help them get set up with Wi-Fi and devices
- Participate together in the featured citizen science project
- Collect and share questions during live Q&A
- Create a shared, hands-on learning experience in your community

You are the *on-site facilitator* connecting your community to NASA scientists in real time.

Moderate the Zoom Event

(Supporting virtual audiences joining from anywhere)

- Join Zoom early and support the event with SciStarter, behind the scenes (15-30 minutes early)
- Monitor chat and Q&A during the livestream
- Answer questions you're confident about
- Flag technical issues or unanswered questions for hosts/scientists

You are part of the *virtual support team* helping thousands engage smoothly online.

Why It Matters

One live event → many locations → one shared scientific goal
Ambassadors help scale participation, learning, and impact
Every role supports real NASA research through citizen science

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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

During the Event

- SciStarter sets the stage 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 printable takeaways to sustain engagement

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How To Host a Livestream Event

Complete Trainings Foundations & SciStarter Ambassador scistarter.org/training	**Choose an Event** Select and register on Zoom pages.scistarter.org/nasa-live	**Secure a Location** Libraries & community spaces work best Wi-Fi + laptops/computers
Apply & Register Apply to host (eligible for $500 support grant) Register your event on SciStarter.org/add-event	**Promote Your Event** Use free SciStarter promotional resources https://pages.scistarter.org/nasa-live/#resources	**Get Inspired** Watch a past Do NASA Science LIVE event on SciStarter YouTube

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What Moderating Looks Like

Pre-Event

- Join 30 minutes early to the Zoom call for repeat of instruction
- Moderators will be elevated to panelists to be able to see the Q&A, your cameras and microphones will remain off for the duration of the event.
- 15 minutes before zoom, our speakers arrive for technical checks, this is a break for moderators.

During the Event

- Follow the chat and Q&A as the event progresses.
- When you see Questions you can answer with confidence, please do so!
- If you are unsure of the answer, leave it be for someone else to answer.
- Share relevant experience as needed in the chat.
- If any issues arise, private chat the host/panelist group.

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How To Be a Moderator

Complete Trainings Foundations & SciStarter Ambassador scistarter.org/training	**Choose an Event** Select and register on Zoom pages.scistarter.org/nasa-live	**Complete the interest form** Visit forms.gle/JtCrM6Bsk7UvvP588 to submit your interest.
Register Register on zoom for all events you are interested in participating and/or moderating	**Arrive Early** To review the role and to be elevated to a panelist zoom role.	**Participate!** Enjoy the event with a more active role.

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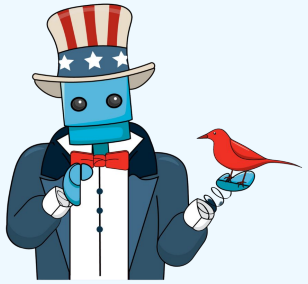
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CitizenScienceMonth.org

All events and project activities, including DNSL, count towards the collective global goal of **2.50 Million Acts of Science** in April!

CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

APRIL 2026



AMERICA 250

2.50 MILLION ACTS OF SCIENCE

Next Steps

1. Register on Zoom for the Feb 11 DNSL event (and all the others!)
2. Apply for funding to host your livestream event and support engagement in the featured project.
3. Secure space, invite people, promote event, host event, report Acts in April! Resources available on SciStarter.org/NASA
4. Submit your interest in being an official moderator by filling out our form: https://forms.gle/JtCrM6Bsk7UvvP588

- Check out the Event Toolkit:
  - **pages.SciStarter.org/nasa-live/dnsl-cosmic-pioneers/**

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Help us Make DNSL Better

1. What worked today?
2. What would help you host or participate?
3. What topics or projects excite your community?

Thank you for being part of the mission!

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