

How to Use Space in Your Classroom During **World Space Week** October 4 – 10 annually

A Teacher Fact Sheet from World Space Week Association



Note: \$500 Educational Awards Available!

But what is World Space Week?

World Space Week is an international celebration of space and in particular the contributions that space makes in improving the human condition on Earth. It was officially declared by the **United Nations** General Assembly in 1999. During World Space Week, events and educational programmes are held around the world and on the Internet, educating the public about space and inspiring youth.

When is World Space Week?

World Space Week is October 4-10 annually. These dates commemorate key milestones in space: October 4, 1957 was when Sputnik I, the first artificial satellite was launched and October 10, 1967 was when the Outer Space Treaty took effect; the first legal framework for space activities.

Who Celebrates World Space Week?

World Space Week is the world's largest annual space education and outreach event. Last year it was celebrated at 550 events in 63 countries; **and in space!** In the **2008 Annual Report** [1 MB], you can exactly see **who/what/where...** Many individuals, schools, museums, government agencies and companies organise e.g. classroom activities, public events, Web meetings and generate publicity.

How Can I as a Teacher Participate?

World Space Week is the ideal time for you as a teacher to use space to excite students about math, science, any subject in fact! Easy-to-use materials and free Teacher Activity Guides are available from our website and other organisations directly linked from our website. Schools are of course encouraged to hold events involving many parents and/or the local community.

What Should I Do?

- Now – Put World Space Week, October 4 - 10, on your teaching calendar
- Before October – Go to worldspaceweek.org to get ideas and free support materials.
- Before October – **Add your plans to our Calendar** to get recognition for you and your school.
- October 4-10 – Excite your students! Discuss / teach / have fun with space in your classroom!
- Afterwards – Tell us what you did! We'll include it in our widely distributed Annual Report.
- Afterwards – In fact send us materials that you created and be eligible to our **Educational Awards**.
- Afterwards – Invite colleagues to join you in participating to World Space Week next year!

Please go to www.worldspaceweek.org for more...

Thank you for your interest in World Space Week!

