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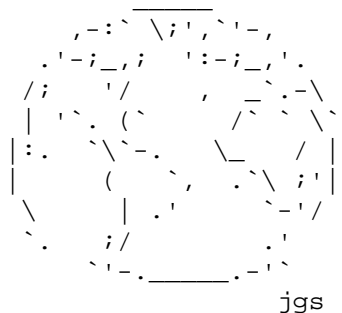
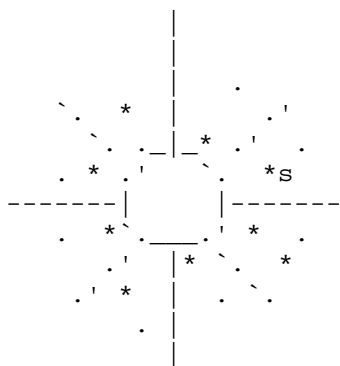


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sunearthday.nasa.gov/
- A promotional DVD distributed to all Museum Alliance members and International Planetarium Society members. Produced by the Goddard Public Affairs, the DVD includes a short clip from the Exploratorium/SECEF eclipse 2006 webcast, an interview with Fred Espenak and a Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) scientist, and other promotions about SDO.
- A training on hosting your own Eclipse program on June 18th was provided to 42 Solar System Ambassadors and museum educator participants. Speakers included Mr. Eclipse Fred Espenak, Robyn Higdon of the Exploratorium, and SECEF staff members.
- Eclipse lenticulars and Eclipse glasses printed for distribution

Internet Resources:

Keep watching the Sun-Earth Day website for updates.
sunearthday.nasa.gov/

Click on the eclipse banner - An Eclipse page with Make-and-Take activities for public outreach, articles, stories and activities for educators, podcasts with Fred Espenak (aka "Mr Eclipse")

The Exploratorium will relaunch their website shortly
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse/2008/index.html>

The Public Affairs Office page for eclipse is up on the NASA portal
<http://www.nasa.gov/eclipse/>

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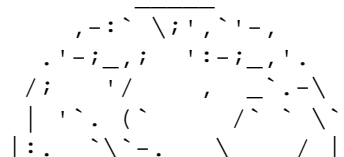
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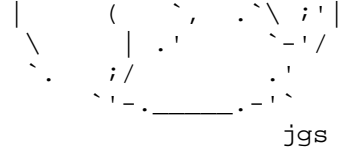
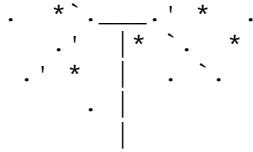


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