







The Dawn spacecraft is on a mission to explore Vesta and Ceres, two of the largest objects in the asteroid belt. Dawn uses ion propulsion, tested with great success on the Deep Space 1 mission. Find out about Professor Starr's Dream Trip at spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/nmp/starr.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Happiness Happens Month. Read about weather on other planets and you'll be very happy you're on Earth!					NEW MOON 1  Oxygen was discovered in 1774. Did you know oxygen is made inside stars?	2
3 Friendship Day. Word find puzzles are more fun to solve with four eyes, instead of two. Try some with a friend.	4 U.S. Coast Guard Established, 1790. Play the Wild Weather Adventure game and see some reasons we need the Coast Guard!	5	6	7	8 FIRST QUARTER 	9 
10	11 Perseids meteor shower at maximum tonight! Find out what's really inside comets, the sources of meteor showers.	12	13 International Left-handers Day. Several astronauts are left handed See left- and right-handed astronauts at work.	14	15 National Relaxation Day. Lie under a tree and name some clouds.	16 FULL MOON 
17 Archaeology Day. Would it be possible for archaeologists to travel back in time to see how ancient people lived? Listen to Dr. Marc explain.	18	19 National Aviation Day. Did you know that a plane can be used to launch a rocket?	20	21 Poet's Day. Read some cosmic poems and write one of your own.	22	23 LAST QUARTER 
24 Strange Music Day. Strangely, the Sun can affect music. How?	25	26 Voyager 2 flies by Saturn, 1981. Her rings, some of her moons, and Earth have at least one thing in common. Ice! Where else has ice been found?	27	28 Dream Day. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous speech in 1963. See cartoon shows in which dreams of exploring space have come true.	29	30 NEW MOON 
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Month of August: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/goes/planets
 Aug. 1: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/live#thaller
 Aug. 3: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/earth/wordfind
 Aug. 11: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/deepimpact
 Aug. 13: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_astronaut_images.shtml
 Aug. 15: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cloudsat_puz.shtml

Aug. 17: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/podcast#time
 Aug. 19: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/galex/pegasus.shtml
 Aug. 21: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cosmic_poetry.shtml
 Aug. 24: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/ulysses
 Aug. 26: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/ice
 Aug. 28: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/live