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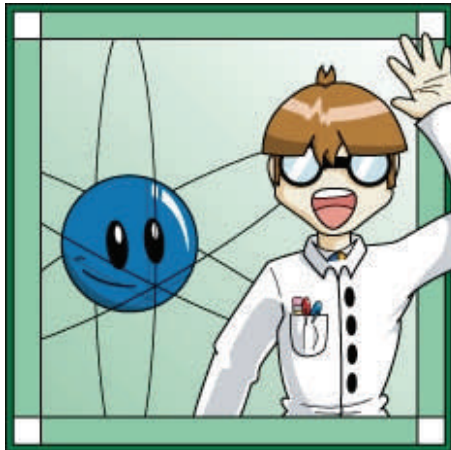
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## Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom at the 2009 Party for the Planet Earth Day Festival

Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom love to learn and have fun -- that's why they're taking part in the 2009 Party for the Planet Earth Day Festival, and you should too!

Join the *Party for the Planet* on April 18, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm at Shark Reef Aquarium, Mandalay Bay, located at 3950 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV. The U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office and other environmental organizations from southern Nevada will be available with demonstrations, information and assistance on how you can help the earth. This festival style event is free to the public and located indoors at the South Convention Center Entrance of Mandalay Bay.



"We appreciate the community partnership with Shark Reef Aquarium, Mandalay Bay in helping area children learn about the environmental management efforts at the Nevada Test Site," says Kelly Snyder, Public Involvement Task Manager for the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office. "Our display helps children — and adults — to understand the ongoing Nevada Test Site environmental work."

Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom are characters portrayed in the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office's Operation Clean Desert exhibit, which will be on display at the event. Operation Clean Desert follows the adventures of Dr. Proton and Adam the

Atom as they visit the Nevada Test Site, and learn about environmental issues. This interactive exhibit is designed to help children understand atoms and the different types of environmental cleanup efforts that take place at the Nevada Test Site.

This colorful, interactive display is a fun and informative learning tool for both children and adults, and has been displayed in area schools, libraries and other locations. Accompanying the exhibit is an interactive computer game CD and an exciting activity book, both of which are available to attendees of the event. There will also be free recycled items and Earth Day items for attendees.

More information on the Operation Clean Desert learning trio can be found at [www.nv.doe.gov](http://www.nv.doe.gov). The Operation Clean Desert exhibit is available for loan to schools, libraries, museums, and public events. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs: (702) 295-3521 or [envmgt@nv.doe.gov](mailto:envmgt@nv.doe.gov).

For more information on the *Party for the Planet* Earth Day Celebration, visit: [www.sharkreef.com/visitor/calendar.aspx](http://www.sharkreef.com/visitor/calendar.aspx)

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