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The Spitzer Space Telescope found warm dust around a faint, nearby star called HD 69830, possible evidence of asteroids smashing together in an asteroid belt. This artist's rendering shows a massive asteroid belt in orbit around a star the same age and size of our Sun. The view is from outside the asteroid belt, where planets such as the one in the foreground might reside. Compared to our own solar system's asteroid belt, this one is larger and closer to its star. Our asteroid belt circles between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. For more information and images, see: <http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu>

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