



CELESTIAL SUMMER MOON TREE LAUNCH PARTY

JULY 16 | 4 – 8 PM | MADISON SQUARE PARK

12 NOON – 3 PM

SOLAR VIEWING

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POSTPONED DUE TO
CLOUDY CONITIONS**

Safe from the sun's harmful rays, staff
from the event will be on hand to help
demonstrate how to safely view the sun into
sound, and to provide information to visitors with
low or no vision and anyone else interested in
this unique experience.



4 PM – 8 PM

MSPC ACTIVITY TENT

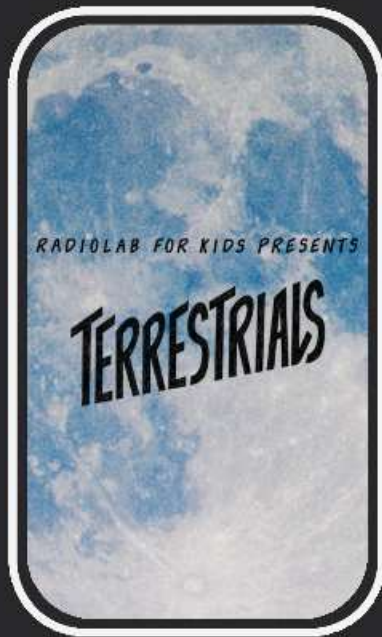
Do a scavenger hunt or color some coloring sheets
inspired by MSPC's Celestial Gardens.



4 PM – 8 PM

TERRESTRIALS: MOON TREE ART GALLERY

Inspired by the Terrestrials episode: *"The Travelers: How Moon Trees Hide Among Us,"* Terrestrials will present an outdoor exhibition in Madison Square Park featuring original "moon tree" artwork created by listeners nationwide. Terrestrials will invite listeners to see their artwork on display, draw their own moon trees, and even meet Terrestrials SongBud Alan and a real moon tree seed!



4:15 PM – 4:35 PM

SUMMER PLANTING TOUR #1

Guided tours of MSPC's Celestial Gardens, featuring a poetry installation curated by the Poetry Society of America.



4:30 PM – 5 PM

KIDS PRESENTATION

Discover stories of space exploration and the Moon Tree at Madison Square Park through talks, storytime, art, and poetry featuring Director of Horticulture Steph Lucas, children's author Emeline Lee reading from *Bonnie's Rocket*, Terrestrials' Moon Tree Art Gallery, and a special reading by New York State Poet Laureate Kimiko Hahn.



Bonnie's Rocket © Emeline Lee. Used with permission from Lee & Low Books.

5 PM – 6 PM

ASK A SCIENTIST SESSION #1

Chat with an astrophysicist and cosmologist studying some of the universe's biggest mysteries, including dark matter and dark energy to black holes and gravitational waves.



5 PM – 8 PM

STRAW ROCKETS ACTIVITY

Design, build, and launch your own straw rocket while learning about the science of flight and space exploration.



5 PM – 8 PM

STOMP ROCKET LAUNCHES

Launch foam rockets into the sky and test your skills in a space-themed rocket challenge.



5:15 PM – 5:35 PM

SUMMER PLANTING TOUR #2

Guided tours of MSPC's Celestial Gardens, featuring a poetry installation curated by the Poetry Society of America.



6 PM – 7 PM

ASK A SCIENTIST SESSION #2

Explore the universe from quantum materials to distant planets with a quantum physicist inspired by *Star Trek* who develops machine learning tools to study novel materials, and an astrophysicist searching for exoplanets and their host stars.



6:15 PM – 6:35 PM

SUMMER PLANTING TOUR #3

Guided tours of MSPC's Celestial Gardens, featuring a poetry installation curated by the Poetry Society of America.



7:15 PM – 7:30 PM

GENERAL PRESENTATION

Learn the story of Madison Square Park's Moon Tree from our Director of Horticulture, Steph Lucas, and enjoy a special reading of the newly commissioned poem *The Adventures of the Moon Tree* by New York State Poet Laureate Kimiko Hahn.

