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Community members invited to ExploraDome planetarium experience

White Bear Lake, Minn. –White Bear Lake Area High School - South Campus will play host to the Minnesota Planetarium's ExploraDome May 18 and May 19, courtesy of grant from the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation. The entertaining, educational experience is open to District students and members of the White Bear area community members free of charge.

The ExploraDome nicely complements the unique program taught at White Bear Lake Area High School. Students have the option of enrolling in three levels taught at the South Campus location, which offers a unique research-based advanced astronomy program.

District students will receive lessons in the ExploraDome during the daytime hours of May 18 and 19. The Dome will be open to the community for shows at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on May 19. Reservations are recommended as space in the Dome is limited to 32 participants per program. Register with Peter Pitman at pmpitm@wbl.whitebear.k12.mn.us.

Education Outreach Coordinator for the Minnesota Planetarium Society Sally Brummel will conduct the programs with assistance from teacher Peter Pitman.

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Additional information: Minneapolis/St. Paul is one of the only major cities in the U.S. that does not have a permanent planetarium. A fund raising campaign is underway to build a new Planetarium; the last one was housed in the Minneapolis Library and was eliminated when the Library was renovated. As a temporary replacement, the Planetarium society offers the ExploraDome.