

WEB RESOURCES: ANYONE OUT THERE?

Find this document online at

http://www.ncsciencefestival.org/starparty

LIFE ON EARTH

Our Story in 1 Minute

https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap171126.html 13.8 billion years of history, set to music

Activity: Earth Timeline

https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-view.cfm?Doc_ID=477

What can the development of life on Earth tell us about the type of life we might find elsewhere?

THE SEARCH FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

Astrobiology at NASA

https://astrobiology.nasa.gov/

Resources related to life in the universe

Ocean Worlds: Water in the Solar System and Beyond

https://www.nasa.gov/specials/ocean-worlds/

The story of oceans is the story of life.

Exoplanet Exploration

https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/

Learn about NASA's search for planets beyond our solar system.

NASA's Kepler and K2 missions

http://kepler.nasa.gov/

The Kepler space-based telescope has discovered thousands of exoplanets.

NASA's TESS mission

https://tess.gsfc.nasa.gov/

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) will discover planets transiting the brightest and nearest stars.

Drake Equation

http://www.pbs.org/lifebeyondearth/listening/drake.html

This is a do-it-yourself online activity. Use the Drake Equation to estimate the number of communicative civilizations in the Milky Way Galaxy.

Activity and Powerpoint: Anyone Out There?

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This is a facilitated activity for a group of visitors. Use the Drake Equation to estimate the number of communicative civilizations in the Milky Way Galaxy.

Voyager Golden Record

https://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/golden-record/

NASA's Voyager 1 and 2 spacecraft carry a 12-inch phonograph record of sounds and images from Earth to communicate a story of our world to any extraterrestrials who may find these spacecraft in the distant future.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Backyard Worlds: The Search for Planet 9

http://www.backyardworlds.org/

Find new objects at the edge of our solar system in this citizen science project.

Planet Hunters

https://www.planethunters.org/

Discover new worlds in this citizen science project using data from NASA's Kepler spacecraft.

SETI@home

https://setiathome.berkeley.edu/

Use your computer to search for intelligent life beyond Earth by analyzing radio signals from space.

SELECTED 2018 STAR PARTY ACTIVITIES: VIDEOS AND MATERIALS

From NASA Night Sky Network in partnership with the Astronomical Society of the Pacific:

Life in the Extreme

https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-view.cfm?Doc_ID=480

How Do We Find Planets Around Other Stars?

https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-view.cfm?Doc_ID=59

(Note: This field changes so fast that some of the information is out of date.)

From National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Net):

Imagining Life

http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-universe-imagining-life

Ice Orbs

http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-universe-ice-orbs

I believe alien life is quite common in the universe, although intelligent life is less so. Some say it has yet to appear on planet Earth.

- Stephen Hawking



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