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ANDROMEDA ASTRONOMY EVENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

The Andromeda Mobile Planetarium, an affiliate member of the Philippine Astronomical Society, is organizing the Andromeda Astronomy Event with the following objectives:

- 1. Promote and disseminate astronomical discoveries among the learners and the public in general;
- 2. Upgrade teachers on the trends related to Astronomy;
- 3. Implement fun, interactive, and educational activities that would serve as a helpful discussion starter and teaching tool;
- 4. Aid teachers in stimulating and sustaining the interest of the learners using visual presentation and simulations; and
- 5. Empower the learners to grasp abstract astronomical ideas and events and make them realize the impact of Astronomy and other science in their daily lives, and understand how scientific knowledge can contribute to a more equitable and peaceful society.

This event is a school-based activity designed to promote strategic individual development in science. It will be conducted in various schools from August 2024 to March 2025 and will include the following activities:

- 1. Film Showing and Discussion/Question and Answer,
- 2. Projected Simulation of the Solar System/Constellations,
- 3. Exhibit of NASA Space and Meteorites, and
- 4. Solar Gazing (individual hands-on use of the telescope).

The target participants are elementary and secondary school learners, teachers, and the community.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 009, s. 2024 titled Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2024–2025 and DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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