

NASA's Greeting to 1,500 Moon Day Events

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Hello! And welcome to this global celebration of lunar science, exploration, celestial observations, and our personal and cultural connections to the Moon. My name is Andrea Jones, and I am the Public Engagement Lead of the Solar System Exploration Division at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, and the Director of International Observe the Moon Night.



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This is a very exciting year for the Moon! We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing, and many more Apollo program anniversaries to come. We have an international fleet of robotic explorers at the Moon that are reshaping our understanding of our nearest neighbor in space, and we are looking forward to returning to the Moon with NASA's Artemis program landing the first woman and the next man on the Moon by 2024. Right now, we're also celebrating ten years of International Observe the Moon Night. We are united with people around the world, looking up and observing and celebrating the Moon together. I am so glad that you are a part of it. I hope you have a wonderful time connecting with lunar enthusiasts in your community, and around the world.

Be sure to share your view of the Moon, or a glimpse into your celebration using the hashtag #observethe-moon on multiple social media platforms, including our Flickr gallery. Find resources that will help you learn more on moon.nasa.gov/observe.