

Stars and Cells 2007

Astronomy Picture of the Day Presentations

Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD; <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/>) displays a new image every day with a brief caption (chock full of links to loads of information) written by an astronomer. The subject matter spans the range of astronomy topics: planets, stars, galaxies...

We're going to practice giving presentations by dividing into 6 groups of 2-3 and giving 3-minute summaries of APOD from a previous day, which can be retrieved from the website. We will display the APOD page and the screen, and the group will explain the picture in their own words. *Everyone should read APOD every day of this course.*

Requirements:

- Target time is 3 minutes; you will be cut off after 5 minutes.
- Every group member must speak for at least 1 minute.
- Introduce each person.
- Say the title of the picture and who has credit for it.
- Please do not read the APOD caption word-for-word.
- *Your audience will have read the APOD page* on which you are presenting; hopefully they will have good questions for you.

The information in the APOD caption may not be enough to fill 3 minutes. It might be necessary to bring in other information. Any astronomy information is perfect; an added benefit of these presentations is that we get to learn more about astronomy than can be covered in the lectures.

Group	Date	APOD Date	Lecture	Members
1	Fri 7/13	Tue 7/10	Telescopes	Angela Hsu Gerald Junsay
2	Fri 7/13	Wed 7/11	CCDs	Sanaya Forbes Bethlehem Omer Trevor Rackley
3	Fri 7/13	Thu 7/12	Astrophysics I: Cosmology	Megna Hari Mark Olson Olivia Walton
4	Tue 7/17	Sat 7/14	Adaptive Optics	Jenny Lei Margarita Iniguez Victor Palma
5	Tue 7/17	Sun 7/15	Astrobiology	Ankur Ahuja MaryAnne Russell Kaila Warren
6	Tue 7/17	Mon 7/16	General Astronomy	Carla Avila Stacy Kim Marcella Longoria