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KIWANIS CAMP WA-RI-KI JOINS NASA IN NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE FIRST SCIENCE IMAGES, Washougal WA

Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki has joined hundreds of sites across the country to celebrate the release of the first science images from the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA's next great space science observatory. Camp Wa-Ri-Ki will offer a range of public programs to bring the excitement of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) to campers of all ages.

"We are thrilled that Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is an official host site for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope community events celebrating Webb's first stunning images," said Barbara McCullough-Jones, Interim Camp Director. "We are partnering with several local groups and organizations to help our community celebrate this amazing feat of science and engineering. People of all ages and backgrounds will find inspiration in Webb's new view of the cosmos, which will fundamentally change our understanding of the universe for this generation and many to come."

McCullough-Jones added, "joining NASA as a host site for this amazing celebration is an extension of our NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp STEM and STEAM programs." (GLOBE – Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment). Through our GLOBE programs campers learn how to have a healthy relationship with our natural surroundings and learn to be good stewards of our environment.

Webb is the largest and most complex space science telescope ever built –the premier observatory of the next decade. This international mission, led by NASA in partnership with the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency, launched Dec. 25, 2021. After unfolding in space into its final form, Webb successfully arrived at its destination nearly 1 million miles from Earth and began preparing for science operations.

The observatory, which is designed to see the universe in the infrared, will push the field of astronomy into a new era. Webb will be able to study light from distant parts of the universe for the very first time –the first galaxies that formed over 13.5 billion years ago –and give us insight into how our universe formed. It will also peer into dusty stellar nurseries to explore distant worlds orbiting other stars, as well as observe objects in our own solar system. Webb will extend the scientific discoveries of other NASA missions like the Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory, and Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite.

For a full schedule of upcoming events, visit campwariki.com or contact camp at info@campwariki.com, 360-837-3168

Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is located at 17051 Washougal River Road, Washougal, WA 98671. Our JWST community event will be free and open to the public however, other program elements and activities associated with this event may be fee based.

To learn more about the Webb telescope, visit webb.nasa.gov and webbtelescope.org.

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