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"The thing about growing up with Fred and George," said Ginny thoughtfully, "is that you sort of start thinking anything's possible if you've got enough nerve."

— J. K. Rowling

Hubble Telescope Takes New Pictures of Star Cloud

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has taken beautiful new pictures of something special in space. It photographed a colorful cloud of gas and dust called the Crab Nebula.

This cloud formed long ago when a giant star exploded. Chinese astronomers saw this explosion almost 1,000 years ago in 1054. The star became so bright that people could see it during the day for several weeks.

Hubble first took pictures of this space cloud 25 years ago. Now it has taken new photos of the same spot. Scientists can compare the old and new pictures to see how the cloud has grown and changed over time.

The cloud is very far away - about 6,500 light-years from Earth. That means the light we see today actually left the cloud 6,500 years ago. The new pictures show amazing detail and bright colors.

These photos help scientists learn how stars live and die. They also show us the beautiful things that happen in space. Hubble continues to give us wonderful views of our universe.

Technology & Innovation

Scientists Work Together to Study Tiny Particles

Scientists from around the world recently met at a special research center. They came together to work on an exciting project about very tiny particles called neutrinos.

Fifty experts gathered at Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago. They are part of a big team with over 200 research centers working together. The scientists are planning a special experiment deep underground.

The team is building new computer programs to help with their research. These programs will help them understand the tiny particles better. The particles are so small they are very hard to see and study.

The underground experiment will take place in South Dakota. It will be built one mile below the ground in a huge cave. The scientists hope to start collecting information in about three years.

This meeting helped the team plan their next steps. Working together, scientists from many countries can solve big mysteries about our universe. Their teamwork shows how people can accomplish amazing things.

Nature & Environment

Scientists Study Rivers From Space

Scientists have found a new way to watch rivers around the world. They use a special tool in space called SWOT. This tool can see all the rivers on Earth at the same time.

For the first time ever, we can watch how rivers move and change. The space tool looks at big rivers like the Mississippi and Amazon. It also watches smaller rivers everywhere.

Rivers are very important for people and animals. They give us fresh water to drink. Fish and other animals live in rivers. Many towns and cities are built near rivers.

The scientists work together from different countries. They share what they learn about rivers. This helps everyone understand how water moves around our planet.

This new information helps us take better care of our rivers. We can see how they change with the seasons. We can also see how they help plants and animals grow.

Animals & Wildlife

Wildlife Refuge Offers Nature Escape Near Tech Cities

A special place for wildlife sits near California's famous technology companies. The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge covers 30,000 acres of beautiful land.

This peaceful refuge gives people a chance to get away from busy city life. Families can enjoy many fun outdoor activities together.

Fishing is very popular at the refuge. People can catch striped bass, halibut, and other fish year-round. The best part is you don't need a fishing license at Dumbarton Fishing Pier.

The refuge has over 30 miles of walking trails. Some trails are easy for a gentle stroll. Others give you more exercise if you want a challenge. In February, they opened a new trail that is 1.2 miles long.

Many different birds and animals call this refuge home. The mix of salt ponds and wetlands creates perfect homes for wildlife. Visitors can watch birds and enjoy the peaceful sounds of nature.

People Work Together to Study Our Environment

People from all walks of life came together at a Florida library for a special event. Students, teachers, and neighbors worked side by side to learn about our environment.

They used a special phone app from NASA called GLOBE Observer. This app lets anyone become a scientist! People can take pictures of clouds, look at land, and study where mosquitoes live. All this information helps scientists understand our world better.

During the day-long event, 13 teams formed naturally. Each group worked on different projects using real information collected by volunteers. They made colorful maps and charts that tell stories about our environment.

The teams competed in a friendly way to see who could create the best projects. Winners were chosen in different categories. Everyone learned new skills and made new friends.

This special gathering showed how everyday people can help scientists. When we work together, we can learn amazing things about the world around us. Technology makes it easy for anyone to be part of important research.

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

RIVERS

WATER

CLOUD

SPACE

STARS

MAPS

TEAM

