

Final Announcement - April 26, 2011
Exploring Strange New Worlds:
From Giant Planets to Super Earths
High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff, AZ May 1-6
Co-hosted by the NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program and
the NASA Exoplanet Science Institute

Final Conference Agenda

The [final agenda](#) includes times and speaker names for the invited and contributed talks. In addition more than 100 posters (click [here](#) for a list) will be exhibited at the conference. Information for presenters can be found [here](#).

During the conference the speakers will upload their talks via a website on computers in the speaker ready room (Aspen), on the 2nd floor of the conference center. If you have your presentation all prepared and would like to upload it ahead of the conference please do as this will help us out with conference organization. You can upload your presentation [here](#).

Registration and Opening Reception

The registration table will be open at the conference center on Sunday, May 1 starting at 12 noon and will stay open through the opening reception from 6-8 pm that evening.

Click [here](#) to register.

- Late Registration Fee (March 16, 2011 – April 30, 2011): \$525
 - On-site Registration Fee (May 1, 2011 – May 6, 2011): \$575
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Go Green! Carpooling to Lowell Reception and Conference Banquet

Two [conference events](#) will be held off-site: the reception at Lowell Observatory on Tuesday evening and the banquet at Forest Highlands on Thursday evening. In an effort to keep driving to a minimum we'll be asking you at the registration table that if you are attending these events do you have a car and are willing to take along some passengers. There will be rideshare sign-up boards in the lobby of the conference center.

Geoff Marcy lecture, Monday evening,

Geoff Marcy of UC Berkeley will present a public lecture on "Earth-Size Planets and Intelligent Life in the Universe" on Monday evening, May 2 at 7:30 pm. This event will take place at Prochnow Auditorium on the NAU campus, across the street from the conference center. Tickets are required for this free event and will be available at the conference registration table.

Banquet and Grand Canyon Day Trip Tickets Still Available

Tickets for the conference banquet are still available however there is no more space on the two Wednesday afternoon field trips. **There are no refunds for banquet or field trip tickets that have already been purchased.**

[Banquet on Thursday evening, May 5](#) The deadline for purchasing banquet tickets is Monday, May 2 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 pp and are available through the registration site. Email StrangeNewWorlds@ipac.caltech.edu for the waiver code if you have already registered and would like to add a banquet ticket.

[Day trip to the Grand Canyon on Saturday, May 7](#) All-Star Grand Canyon tours is offering a day-trip *departing from and returning to the conference venue* to give attendees the chance to explore Grand Canyon National Park. The special \$110 conference price includes transportation, park entry, tour guides, lunch and time to explore the South Rim! Tickets can be purchased through 5 pm on Thursday, May 5 and are available directly from the tour company; more information can be found [here](#).



Local Information and Weather

For information on arriving in Flagstaff and restaurants within walking distance of the conference center, please see the [local information page](#). The weather next week will likely be similar to this week with highs of 65-70°F/15-20°C and lows of 30°F/0°C. However this can change so please check before packing!

Questions?

For questions not answered on the web pages, please email us at StrangeNewWorlds@ipac.caltech.edu