



CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLIC HOURS

OAKLAND, CA (September 15, 2003)— **Chabot Space & Science Center** in Oakland has announced new public hours for this academic year, effective September 15, 2003. Chabot's programs and exhibits will be open to the general public from Friday evenings through Sundays, education programs and access for pre-scheduled groups will be available Wednesday through Friday from 10am – 5pm, and members will be admitted to the Center on any day it is open. Chabot's stellar facilities, including the Ask Jeeves Planetarium, Tien MegaDome Theatre and Observatories, will continue to be available for special events.

In announcing the changes, Chabot's Executive Director Alex Barnett said, "Like most non-profit organizations in these difficult times, we have been looking at ways that we can be smart about our resources without sacrificing our ability to deliver our mission. By concentrating on different audiences at different times, we can provide an increased quality of experience. We will continue to deliver our excellent workshops and classes to schools, expand our after school programs and at the same time provide more hands-on activities to the public on the weekends. Also, by keeping the whole Center open later on Friday and Saturday evenings, we will be better able to entertain the folks who visit the telescopes, offering them shows, exhibits, and a place to have a snack."

Public Hours

Monday–Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday–Friday: 10am – 5pm (Members and pre-scheduled groups only)

Friday: 5 pm - 10 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 10 pm

Sunday: 12 noon - 5 pm

Telescope Viewing: Friday & Saturday nights from dusk to 10 pm

OPEN most holidays (Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas day)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. Chabot's public hours are: Fridays, 5 pm–10 pm; Saturdays, 10 am–10 pm; Sundays 12 noon–5 pm. Telescope viewing on Fridays and Saturdays from dusk–10 pm, weather permitting. General Admission is \$11 Adults / \$8 Youth and Seniors. MegaDome Theatre shows are \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling (510) 336-7373. Group visits must be scheduled in advance, and are available Wednesdays through Sundays.

For more information, call (510) 336-7300, or visit www.chabotspace.org