

Science and nature picnic at Wesola

Astronomical experiments and workshops, games and trivia, watching meteorites and observing celestial bodies, a mobile planetarium and a more than five-metre-high model of the Sun, as well as garland games, a search for the fairytale fern flower, sensory workshops and a fun zone - a science and nature picnic will be held on 24 June in Wesola. The event, which combines cosmic inspirations with fairytale garlands, will last from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The organisers, the City of Krakow and KBF, invite you to the picnic (even with your own blankets) - admission is free!

Saturday's science and nature picnic at Wesola will be marked by space attractions. Literally and figuratively. The event refers to the Year of Copernicus, but also to Wianki, Midsummer traditions and the summer solstice. A range of workshops, games and scientific demonstrations have been prepared for children and young people - a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Extraterrestrial attractions

Joint experiments, preparation for an expedition to another planet, the great rivalry of water and fire and testing of mirror telescopes, observing distant objects and, weather permitting, sunspots - all this in the shadow of a giant model of the Sun with a diameter of 5.5 metres! Children will learn the secrets of reading a sky map, watch real meteorites and find out what can be observed in the evening sky.

We will be introduced to the mysteries of the universe through séances in the mobile planetarium, which will stand on the picnic grounds. Astronomy enthusiasts will talk about their favourite field in an accessible way. It will be a real treat for future astronauts!

Workshops and activities

Workshops are an integral part of KBF's events, so during the picnic there will be a range of creative activities for children to develop their imagination, teach them respect for nature and build relationships.

We will stay on the astronomical theme for a while in a class on creating a plant collage on canvases in the form of a planetary system and while building puppet cosmic creatures - carnivorous plants from Mars, sand snails from Jupiter and... whatever the little artists can't think of.

The workshop on making wooden board paintings will be inspired by caring for the environment. Children will talk to the workshop leaders about how they can take care of Mother Earth by creating unusual paintings using nails, sticks, bottle tops and many other surprising materials. Gifts of the earth in the form of flowers and herbs will in turn prove indispensable during a workshop on making glycerine soaps in various scents, shapes and colours.

The picnic will also include sensory workshops to reinforce attitudes of understanding and openness, especially towards people with disabilities. This time, participants will learn about the world of blind people through play.

Garland celebrations

Participants in the activities will be encouraged to explore the concept of diversity in all its meanings. During the art workshops, children will be able to express the emotions that are triggered in them by taking part in the Wreaths celebration. There will also be plenty of excitement during the search for

the fern flower! Young explorers will be able to take part in a field game, during which they will track down the petals of the legendary flower scattered around the event site, and take part in a special performance!

Fun zone and technical information

A toddler-friendly obstacle course or painting on the grass - the youngest will also find their place at the picnic thanks to the Kids in Krakow zone. They will find a nice corner with safe, soft toys to make their Saturday even more enjoyable (also for parents).

During the Wesoła Picnic, all workshops will be available with translation into Polish Sign Language. Workshops will take place under tents that will provide protection from the sun or rain.

At the picnic area, participants will also find foodtrucks, an ice cream stand and drinks.

How to get there?

- Jana i Jędrzeja Śniadeckich Street (access from Kopernika Street and Grzegórzecka Street)
- We encourage the use of public transport (**details click**)
- 📄 **Pinezka Google Maps**
(<https://www.google.pl/maps/place/50%C2%B003'40.4%22N+19%C2%B057'08.5%22E/@50.0612222,19.9523611,239m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m4!3m3!8m2!3d50.0612222!4d19.9523611?entry=ttu>)
- 📄 **We recommend audiodescription of the paths to the site (details click)**

The Mobile Planetarium project is being carried out as part of the City of Krakow's campaign entitled Krakow Universe of Possibilities.

