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Test the Boundaries of Exploration with New Fall Exhibit Planet Pioneers

HOUSTON, Aug. 8, 2018 – [Space Center Houston's fall exhibit Planet Pioneers](#) challenges guests to explore, adapt and survive on a mission to colonize a new planet. The nonprofit presents Planet Pioneers Oct. 6-Jan. 20 during its Days of Exploration, an immersive journey of discovery and science learning.

"Guests can chart their own course to explore the cosmos, build a habitat and land a rocket," said William T. Harris, president and CEO of the science and space exploration learning center. "This new exhibit shares why exploration is important to further humanity and how it opens doors to new discoveries."

Experience hands-on challenges to find water and oxygen, grow food in a foreign atmosphere and build shelter to survive the elements. Drive a 4-D Surface Exploration Vehicle, fly a virtual drone to solve environmental issues and experience the effects of g-force in a spinning capsule.

The interactive exhibition, created by Scitech of Perth, Australia and produced by Imagine Exhibitions, puts aspiring astronauts and space explorers to the test as they attempt to source their own food, shelter and solve problems in an unknown world.

Guests will face full-body challenges, pack the right equipment for the voyage, recruit crew members and learn about the surrounding planets in the solar system. They will learn how resources can be conserved and what techniques may be used to grow fresh food to sustain astronauts and reduce payload.

"As citizens of the world, it's vital we challenge ourselves as everyday explorers," said Harris. "Together with ingenuity and perseverance, we will build a greater tomorrow for future generations."

Tickets are available online at spacecenter.org or at the door. Prices range from \$24.95 for children to \$29.95 for adults with discounts for seniors and members of the military. [Become a member](#) and attend special exhibit preview parties, receive free parking and priority boarding for the NASA Tram Tour.

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