



A Chance to Meet with Scott Anderson

Many of you met with Scott Anderson through videoconferences, some of you will have chance to meet with him personally! Mr. Anderson is a great supporter for Partner School Science Program for years and he will be our special guest during E-Pal Week to celebrate our 10th Year Anniversary.

Mr. Anderson is an award winning Instruction Technology Coordinator for the Digital Learning Network at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. As part of his duties for NASA, Mr. Anderson presents videoconferences to classrooms across the country. Prior to working at MSFC, Scott worked at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX, at JSC. Scott worked in the Teaching From Space office where he managed technology projects and assisted with in-flight education opportunities. He was the executive producer for the award winning International Toys in Space DVD. Scott has been with NASA Education for eleven years.

Astronomy Picture of The Day



Ring of Fire over Monument Valley
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As the New Moon continues this season's celestial shadow play, an annular solar eclipse track begins in western Australia at 22:30 UT on May 9 -- near sunrise on May 10 local time. Because the eclipse occurs within a few days of lunar apogee, the Moon's silhouette does not quite cover the Sun during mid-eclipse, momentarily creating a spectacular ring of fire. While a larger region witnesses a partial eclipse, the annular mid-eclipse phase is visible along a shadow track only about 200 kilometers wide but 13,000 kilometers long, extending across the central Pacific. For given locations along it, the ring of fire lasts from 4 to 6 minutes. Near the horizon, the appearance of the May 9/10 annular eclipse on online viewing on <http://events.slooh.com> is suggested by this dramatic composite from May of 2012. The time-lapse sequence depicts an annular eclipse in progress before sunset over Monument Valley in the southwestern United States.