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NATIONAL ASTRONOMY WEEK 2025

The University of the Philippines Astronomical Society (UP AstroSoc) will conduct the National Astronomy Week (NAW) at the UP Diliman, Quezon City on February 22, 2025.

The National Astronomy Week is an annual celebration of astronomy every third week of February wherein the UP AstroSoc launches activities that showcase both the field of astronomy and the organization itself. The activities aim to promote and improve science and astronomy education in high schools across the country.

For this year, NAW will be celebrated through a hybrid setup with the following main events:

Event	Date	Objective
Big Bang: An Astronomy Quiz Show	February 22, 2025	The event is open to all bona fide high school students to promote the significance of astronomy and space education in research, culture, and society.
Take-Off! Water Rocket Launching		A water rocket-making and rocket-launching sub-event of NAW. This highlights the monumental contributions of rockets to the field of astronomy. It aims to foster resourcefulness and innovation among students as they design rockets to meet the assessment criteria.
Parallax: A Teacher's Seminar Workshop		A lecture and roundtable discussion for high school teachers with professional astronomy enthusiasts. This activity aims to help educators develop a new understanding of the universe and advanced instructional skills in teaching astronomy to their students. Most importantly, it promotes the significance of fostering curiosity, imagination, a sense of exploration, and shared discovery in society.
Cosmic Clicks: Astrophotography Contest	February 1–15, 2025	An astrophotography contest that seeks to showcase the captivating beauty of astronomy to the general public. Open to amateur and professional photographers, enthusiasts, and students, this competition invites individuals from various backgrounds to capture and share the wonder of the cosmos through their lenses and awesome clicks.
Orionids Online Astronomical Trivia Quiz Game	February 17–21, 2025	An online trivia quiz game held on the UP AstroSoc's Facebook page, designed to gauge and test the public's general astronomical knowledge and provide interesting information about the cosmos beyond our planet.

The NAW's official handbook may be accessed through the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/NAW2025HandbookV2>.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 009, s. 2024 titled Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2024–2025 and DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017. This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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