

Where do the brightest stars in Oregon shine? At the Science Factory's Exploration Dome.

Sirius, or the Dog Star, Vega in the constellation of Lyra the Harp, and Betelgeuse, the red star in the constellation of Orion the Hunter, are some of the brightest stars that are visible in Oregon's night sky. They lend their names to the donor recognition levels listed below, and you can join this luminous group by supporting the Science Factory's new Exploration Dome.

All donors who give prior to December 31, 2010 receive permanent recognition near the entrance to the dome. Moreover, donations received by June 7, 2010 get two free passes to a June laser show while tickets last. See www.sciencefactory.org/dome for the show schedule.

SIRIUS \$20,000+

The brightest star in the night sky, Sirius is actually two stars in the constellation Canis Major, or the Big Dog.

ARCTURUS \$10,000 to \$19,999

The "Star of Joy" to the Polynesians, Arcturus marks the latitude of the Hawaiian Islands for navigation at sea.

VEGA \$5,000 to \$9,999

Vega is famous as the first distant star to be photographed. Its mug shot was taken in July 1850 by astronomers at Harvard College Observatory.

RIGEL \$2,500 to \$4,999

Rigel dazzles. It is 40,000 times as luminous as the Sun and can be seen in winter as the left leg of Orion the Hunter.

PROCYON \$1,000 to \$2,499

Near and dear to us, Procyon is part of Canis Minor, the Little Dog constellation.

BETELGEUSE \$500 to \$999

Pronounced "beetle juice," this is a red supergiant star that is a favorite of science fiction fans.

CAPELLA \$25 to \$499

Stars and more stars! Capella is actually a system of four stars.



NAMING OPPORTUNITY

To discuss leaving a legacy by naming the Exploration Dome for a family member or other loved one, contact Carolyn Rebbert at 541-682-7887 or crebbert@sciencefactory.org