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## **CANCELLATION OF NEAF 2020 & NEW DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 NORTHEAST ASTRONOMY FORUM & SPACE EXPO (NEAF)**

*World's Largest Astronomy, Space & Telescope Event Being Held April 10-11, 2021 in Suffern, NY*

Suffern, New York, August 3, 2020 – Rockland Astronomy Club, Inc. (RAC), a non-profit astronomy education and outreach organization, announced that it's prominent astronomy, space, and telescope show, the Northeast Astronomy Forum (NEAF), has been postponed from 2020 until 2021. The annual event, now in it's 30th year, is being held on April 10-11, 2021 at SUNY Rockland Community College (RCC) in Suffern, New York, 35 miles north of Manhattan. Show Hours will be Saturday 8:30-6 pm, and Sunday 10-5 pm.

NEAF Manager and RAC Board of Directors Executive Committee member Ed Siemenn elaborated:

“It is with great sadness that we must announce the cancellation of the rescheduled NEAF 2020, which was to be held September 12 & 13, as well as the rescheduled NEAIC, which was to be held September 14th & 15th. Continued prohibitions and mandates by the CDC, the State of NY, the governor and RCC college management, have dictated that an event of this magnitude cannot be held because of the ongoing Covid-19 concerns.

However, RAC and NEAF are hard at work making plans and preparations for NEAF 2021, to be held on Saturday, April 10th & Sunday, April 11th at RCC. And for NEAIC, to be held at Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday, April 8th and Friday, April 9th. NEAF 2021 is planned to be a most extraordinary event, with over 100 vendors, incredible speakers, workshops and amazing surprises. We guarantee that this will be the most incredible NEAF yet!

We wish that everyone in our extended community remains safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing all of our friends in 2021.”

NOTE: All 2020 purchases and registrations will automatically be credited to the 2021 NEAF and 2021 NEAIC.

The Rockland Astronomy Club, Inc. (RAC), founded in 1958, is one of the East Coast's premiere astronomy clubs and non-profit astronomy education organizations. In addition to NEAF, the club hosts a prominent astro-imaging conference, many lectures, workshops, star parties, planetarium shows, children's programs, and other science and astronomy events.

RAC events include the Northeast Astro Imaging Conference (NEAIC), the Summer Star Party (SSP), the Children's Space & Astronomy Fair (CSAF), monthly Joy of the Universe (JOU) public observing events, and bi-monthly public lectures on a wide variety of astronomy topics.

For further information about NEAF and the club, please visit the RAC web site: [rocklandastronomy.com](http://rocklandastronomy.com)

