

## **Thanksgiving Point to Present NASA Educational Programs and Exhibits Property-wide**

### *NASA Selects Thanksgiving Point for Competitive Science Education Grant*

**LEHI, Utah** (May 14, 2010) – On the heels of NASA’s space shuttle Atlantis launch, the agency announced Thanksgiving Point as one of nine groups nationwide to receive NASA funding for science education. Beginning this summer, Thanksgiving Point will present “NASA BLAST” (Bringing Light and Space Together) to teach about space, exploration, aeronautics, space science, earth science, microgravity and the science of light.

“We are honored to work with NASA on this program, which will allow us to open new frontiers of discovery and learning for all Thanksgiving Point guests,” said Mike Washburn, Thanksgiving Point CEO. “We have a wealth of exhibits, programs and resources that will be enhanced by the NASA subject matter and leave guests with a new understanding of the universe around us.”

From world-class museum exhibits to day camp activities and hands-on experiences, NASA education will factor into all of Thanksgiving Point’s unique property resources for the next year-and-a-half. Beginning July 1, Thanksgiving Point, in partnership with the acclaimed San Francisco Exploratorium, will host a travelling exhibit at the Museum of Ancient Life demonstrating the science of light and its impacts on space exploration. Thanksgiving Point and its educational partner, Utah State University Extension 4-H, will develop unique exhibits at Farm Country to teach guests about space agriculture. And the Junior Master Gardeners will plant space plants and create lunar plant growth charts as they learn about the future of NASA and food in space.

The Thanksgiving Point Gardens will host a summer exhibit, “Solar Systems Walk,” which demonstrates the vast nature of the solar system and the size of and distance between planets. Guests can walk the gardens as if they are in the solar system and explore the science beyond planet earth. Thanksgiving Point will also partner with the Clark Planetarium to host star parties.

For more information about Thanksgiving Point and the NASA BLAST program, visit [www.thanksgivingpoint.org](http://www.thanksgivingpoint.org).

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#### **About Thanksgiving Point**

Created in 1996 by Alan and Karen Ashton, Thanksgiving Point is the cultural gathering place for the community that promotes the renewal of mind and spirit in a beautiful and family-friendly setting. Thanksgiving Point is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing guests with a one-of-a-kind, hands-on opportunity for discovery and an entertaining educational experience in a variety of arts and sciences. Thanksgiving Point is located just off I-15 at the Point of the Mountain. For more information call (801) 768-2300 or visit [www.thanksgivingpoint.org](http://www.thanksgivingpoint.org).

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