

Ice Worlds explores polar regions

Young Harris College's O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium will present the full-dome show *Ice Worlds* during January, February and March. The shows are scheduled for 8 p.m. on the following Friday evenings: Jan. 15, 22 and 29; Feb. 12, 19 and 26; and March 19. Planetarium admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free with YHC ID.

You don't need a parka to explore the polar regions! Narrated by two-time Academy Award nominee for Best Actress Emily Watson, *Ice Worlds* takes audiences on a tour of

frozen vistas throughout the solar system to explore the critical relationship between ice and life. From the icy moons of the outer planets to the recent Phoenix landing on Mars, this show immerses audiences in each landscape to show how ice behaves on very different worlds.

Studying neighbors in space increases understanding of the natural cycles and human influence on ice, snow and water throughout Earth and its ever-changing climate. Through travels to Earth's Arctic and Antarctic regions, we see the ecosystems that thrive

there and learn how their survival is connected to our own.

Ranked third largest in Georgia by dome size, Rollins Planetarium features a state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos Space Simulator star projector with a state-of-the-art full-dome digital projection system, the Sky-Skan Definiti, in a 40-foot dome theater. In addition to a full annual schedule of evening public shows, it offers daytime educational opportunities for school groups throughout the year. Rollins Planetarium is located in the Maxwell Center on the campus of Young Harris College.

If skies are clear, the Young Harris College Observatory is open immediately after planetarium shows. The observatory features a Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and is located about 1.5 miles from campus at Brasstown Valley Resort. Maps are available at the planetarium. Observing sessions last up to one hour and include a guided tour of the constellations. The observatory is open on the same dates as Rollins Planetarium.

For more details, call (706) 379-5195 or visit www.yhc.edu.