



## News Release

# Youth Space Apps Challenge at the Ontario Science Centre Brings the Galaxy to Life for Toronto Youth

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### Event Details

#### Location

The Ontario Science Centre  
770 Don Mills Rd.

NASA Youth Space Challenge Toronto

12pm - 5pm April 12th, 2013

Full Event Details & Registration

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Toronto, ON — In almost one week, 150 of Toronto's top developers, makers, engineers and more will visit the Ontario Science Centre to collaborate in a global 48-hour hackathon, creating solutions to NASA-designed challenges. On Saturday April 12, a very special youth event will cater to the smaller space enthusiasts among us.

The NASA Youth Space Challenge is made possible by the partnership of several leading organizations in the Toronto tech scene, including the Ontario Science Centre, Hive Toronto, Mozilla and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Youth between the ages of 9 and 15 will have the opportunity to spend an afternoon bringing their space-related dreams to life. A few of the activities will include:

- Pixlr button-making station run by Kids Learning Code. Participants can play with their own space images in the free photo editing tool, print them out, and turn them into wearable buttons.
- Gif-powered Command Centre run by FabSpaces. Participants will use space-themed gifs to storyboard their way through a Mars mission using the Remix the City platform.
- Booklet-making pop-up run by Meat Locker Editions. Participants can customize and print a booklet from one of three templates: create your own alien language & secret messages with decoder, create a picture book of space travel, design your own comic strip.

In 2013, the NASA Youth Space Challenge attracted 160 kids and parents to the ROM, and we expect to build on its success.

"We're very excited to be co-hosting the youth challenge again this year," says Kathryn Meisner, Director of Hive Toronto. "Creating innovative and accessible opportunities for kids to explore their passions and build new technological skills is very important to us."

The NASA Youth Space Challenge takes place Saturday April 12th from 1p to 5pm in the Telus room at the Ontario Science Centre. Registration is free and open to all youth between the ages of 9 and 15. Parents and guardians must remain present during the event.