MCYU FAMILY LECTURE SERIES



Dr. Robert Cockcroft

Sat. Sept. 26, 2026

11:00AM to 12:00PM

McMaster Main Campus

Health Sciences Centre (HSC), Rm. 1A1

FREE

Ages 7-14 (Whole Family Welcome)

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The Celestial Bear: The Six Nations' Night Sky

"That is how I heard the story, so I thought that is how you would hear it as well…"

Join us for a fascinating presentation that blends local culture, history, and modern-day astronomy that shares the Six Nation's sky lore and language through traditional Indigenous night-sky stories.

With narration and visuals by a live presentation and pre-recorded excerpts (in English, Mohawk, and Cayuga), learn about the story of the bear and the brothers and how it is retold every year with the rotating patterns in the night sky. See the same stars with a completely different understanding and appreciation!

This presentation was collaboratively produced by members of the Six Nations, McMaster's Indigenous Studies Department, and the McCallion Planetarium.

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