

New Horizons Ultima Thule Flyby Events – Dec 31, 2018 – Jan 3, 2019

Event	Date/Time	Communications Event	Speaker
31 Dec	12:00 PM	K-Center Opens at Noon	Guest Ops team
	1:00	Welcome	Adrian Hill and VIP Welcome
	1:05	The New Horizons Mission	Alan Stern
	1:25	What is the Kuiper Belt and what are Kuiper Belt Objects	Hal Weaver
	1:30	What We Know About MU69 – Ultima Thule	Cathy Olkin
	1:35	The Flyby of MU69 – Ultima Thule	John Spencer
NYE press	2:00 – 3:00	Daily media update on Webcast	Mike Buckley; panel: Alan Stern, Helene Winters, John Spencer, Fred Pelletier.
	3:15 - 3:45	Flyby Ask Me Anything Webcast	Moderator Adrian Hill; Panelists: Kelsi Singer; Alex Parker; Gabe Rogers
	3:45 – 3:50	Song - Acoustic	Craig Werth – move to dining area
	3:50 - 4:45	Exploration for Kids	Janet Ivey of Janet’s Planet - dining area
	4:45-4:50	Closeout Afternoon	
	5:00	Doors Close for 2 hours – dinner break	
	7:00 PM	K center reopens	
Kick off.	8:00	Welcome	Adrian Hill and VIPs
	8:10	Solar System Archaeology	Ken Lacovara
	8:15	NASA’s Study of Ancient Bodies.	Small bodies mission panel. OSIRIS-REx (Barnouin), Lucy (Levison), Psyche (Elkins), NH (Stern) *NASA Rep
	9:00	Short break	Transition to Guest ops.
	9:15	Craig Werth Video	Craig Werth
	9:20	Doing Geology by Looking Up; Doing Astronomy by Looking Down	Walter Alvarez
	9:35	Pluto Flyby: Summer of 2015	Hal Weaver
	9:50	Pluto and the Human Imagination	David Grinspoon
	10:10	Break	
	10:20	Meet the New Horizons Team	Alan Stern and Helene Winters
	10:30	Finding MU69 – Ultima Thule	Marc Buie
	10:45	MU69: What we expect to learn	Panel: Silvia Protopapa, Hal Weaver, Cathy Olkin, John Spencer
	11:00	The Eyes and Ears of New Horizons	Kelsi Singer, Kirby Runyon.
	11:15	Documentary Preview: Summiting the Solar System	Geoff Haines-Stiles, producer
	11:30	NYE Transition	Video in dining area
January 1	12:00 AM	New Year’s Ring in	Ring in 2019
	12:02	New Horizons Song Debut	Brian May
	12:10	Video tributes	Various

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	12:20	<i>Closest Approach</i>	<i>Buckley, MOC</i>
	12:33	<i>Countdown to C/A</i>	<i>Alan Stern and Kuiper Kids</i>
January 1	12:45 AM	<i>Guests depart</i>	<i>Guest ops team</i>
	1:00 AM	<i>Doors Close</i>	
January 1	9:00 AM – Noon	<i>Kcenter opens at 9AM</i>	<i>Guest ops team</i>
	10:00 – 11:00	<i>Webcast – New Horizons Signal acquisition</i>	<i>Mike Buckley and Mark Holdridge (commentary); in Mission Ops: PI and Team (Kalirai, Ryschkewitsch, Semmel), *NASA Rep</i>
	11:00	New Horizons Team to Kcenter	PI and Team;
	11:20	Press Q&A and interviews.	Mike Buckley; Alan Stern, Alice Bowman, Hal Weaver, Chris Hersman; *NASA Rep
	12:30 PM	<i>Guests depart</i>	<i>Guest ops team</i>
	1:00	<i>Doors close</i>	
Jan 2	2:00 PM	<i>Panel; Press event</i>	<i>Mike Buckley; Alan Stern, Will Grundy, Cathy Olkin, Jeff Moore; possible *NASA rep.</i>
Jan 3	2:00 PM	<i>Press event; image release</i>	<i>Mike Buckley; Panel TBD</i>

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KEY: Bold Ital – Webcast

Red – Open or close of Guest ops