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*SciGirls Celebrates Space  
Science launches Sixth Season  
on February 3rd*





Right after NASA released more photos from Mars, kids curious about space can enjoy the new season of "SciGirls"! Season 6 is all about Space Science.

**Minnesota Connection:**

- Two episodes were filmed here in Minnesota, including at The Bell Museum and planetarium and with Native Skywatchers.
- The episodes are produced by Twin Cities PBS and will be broadcast nationwide.

"SciGirls" is an Emmy Award-winning PBS series dedicated to changing the way girls see STEM and the way the world sees girls. The show is supported by NASA.



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The sixth season of "SciGirls" will premiere online at [tpt.org/scigirls](http://tpt.org/scigirls) and broadcast Fridays at 12:30 p.m. beginning February 3 on TPT 2.

It's out of this world! "SciGirls" is launching a new season that is all about SPACE SCIENCE! New episodes premiere online at [TPT.org/SciGirls](http://TPT.org/SciGirls) and will be broadcast on Fridays at 12:30pm beginning February 3 on TPT 2.

"SciGirls" is an Emmy Award-winning PBS television series that explores, encourages, and educates all children around science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM. Produced by Twin Cities PBS (TPT), the season will also be shared with public television stations for broadcast nationwide in 2023. Since today's 21<sup>st</sup>-century students learn, live, and connect online, this season of "SciGirls" videos will also be available on multiple streaming platforms including "SciGirls" YouTube Channel.

Across two new and four previous episodes, Season Six continues the "SciGirls" STEM adventure with a focus on human spaceflight, traditional Indigenous star knowledge, astronomy, materials science, Earth science and using sensor technology. In each episode, smart, creative, real girls—*not* actors—team up with adult STEM professional role models—

with animated characters Izzie and Jake along for the ride—to use STEM to solve problems, help people, and have fun!

Two brand new episodes were filmed right here in Minnesota. "Dakota Stars" was filmed in partnership with Native Skywatchers, We Are Still Here Minnesota, and girls from local Indigenous tribes. In the episode girls learn how Indigenous astronomy aligns with Western science through the understanding that we all come from the stars.

The second new episode, "Making Space," was filmed in partnership with The Bell Museum and Planetarium. It focuses on creating a wellness booth to serve astronauts on a long-duration space mission and is based on girls' experiences of isolation during the pandemic.

"SciGirls" STEM energy doesn't stop when the episodes end. The "SciGirls" educational outreach team is empowering fifteen youth-serving organizations nationwide to implement new programming around space science. All "SciGirls" outreach content is available in English and Spanish on "SciGirls" educators' website ([scigirlsconnect.org](https://scigirlsconnect.org)). All of "SciGirls" resources work together to address one simple but powerful goal: **to change the way girls see STEM and the way the world sees girls!**

"Space science innovation drives much of the new technologies that we use every day, from cell phones, to laptops, to the GPS app on your phone," said Rita Karl, "SciGirls" Executive Producer. "But many science, engineering and technology studies and career pathways still retain fewer women and 'SciGirls' seeks to change that narrative, empowering girls to solve problems that are important to them."



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