

Websites of the Month - September 2013 –

Celebrating Gravitational Lenses, Black Holes and Our Solar System

Spacewarps

<http://spacewarps.org/>

Interested in a little space oriented citizen science? The Spacewarps project might be up your alley. Participants can help discover new instances of Gravitational Lensing caused by galaxies, or clusters of galaxies, which bends light and magnifies objects that would otherwise be hidden. Visit the site, establish your profile and help scientists find undiscovered Gravitational Lenses!

Black Holes – National Geographic

<http://science.nationalgeographic.com/science/space/universe/black-holes-article/>

What is a black hole? How is it able to keep even light from escaping? This site explains how a black hole is the last stage in the lifetime of a star. Readers will learn that as black holes acquire more matter, they become more and more dense. The site provides a good and relatively brief explanation of the nature of black holes.

The Space Place: Solar System

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/solar-system/>

The Space Place: Solar System is a child oriented website that includes a number of opportunities to Explore, Do and Play. The *Explore* portion of the site allows visitors to learn about space, comets and meteors. The *Do* portion of the site instructs you on how to make Moon Cookies, Eatable Asteroids or build a model Moon Habitat. Lastly, the *Play* portion of the site allows you to play mini games and find space apps for you iPhone or iPad.