

A Show-Stopping Classroom Comet

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Everyone loves a good comet. Although astronomers say we're overdue for a nice one to grace the nighttime sky, you can dazzle kids of any age with a simple-to-make concoction involving dry ice and a few household materials. You'll learn how to make one of these frothy marvels – and why comets were/are important in Earth's evolution -- at this special demonstration session.

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