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Walter Reed's Children & Parents Fighting Cancer Holiday Party

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# NASA GSFC at Walter Reed Holiday Party

- On December 21, 2019, NASA Goddard's Solar System Exploration Division (SSED) attended the Walter Reed Children & Parents Fighting Cancer Holiday Party in Bethesda, MD. The event is an annual gathering for military families that have children battling cancer. Roughly 150 children and their families attended the event which was filled with a holiday delight of games, laughter, and activities.
- Event participants learned about the OSIRIS-REx mission via a demonstration of the TAG sampling mechanism, explored space rocks by touching different meteorites, and used cookies to recreate the phases of the Moon. Astronaut Doug Wheelock, former commander of the International Space Station, conversed with the kids and their families as well.



Excited kids learning about meteorites and Moon phases.



Participants watching the puppet show during the event.



A young child learning about the OSIRIS-REx Touch-And-Go-Sample Acquisition Mechanism (TAGSAM).



Astronaut Doug Wheelock chatting with attendees.