



Science Distilled: Giant Leap

Innovation meets imagination in this deep dive into the wonders of outer space

RENO, Nev. (July 10, 2025) – As the demand for innovative healthcare increases, the infusion of new technology into the practice of medicine is increasing as well. The Discovery presents “Science Distilled: Giant Leap” on Thursday, July 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

This month’s Science Distilled dives into the captivating realm of space exploration. The vast, largely unexplored expanse above our heads leaves us wondering many things, not the least of which is, if there’s life anywhere in the Universe. Attendees are invited to join hosts Joey Lovato and Taylor Wilson of the new podcast “Giant Leap” and screen a brand-new episode featuring a conversation with Chris Hadfield, former commander of the International Space Station (ISS).

Featured panelists include Reno-based nuclear physicist Taylor Wilson who, at age 14, became the youngest person on Earth to achieve nuclear fusion, using a homemade reactor. Along with his scientific pursuits, he’s a science policy advocate, has given several TED talks and has hosted science documentaries including the award-winning VICE series on HBO. Joining Wilson is “Giant Leap” podcast host Joey Lovato, a producer at Oregon Public Broadcasting and on-air host at KUNR. Lovato has also worked on “Wild Nevada” for PBS Reno and created the podcast “Indy Matters” for The Nevada Independent.

Following the episode, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with Wilson and Lovato to discuss their interests in science and their plans for the future of the “Giant Leap” podcast.

Science Distilled makes cutting-edge science approachable through presentations on current and curious topics, held at hip locations in a social atmosphere. Started in 2016, speakers at Science Distilled events have covered topics ranging from genetics, to climate change, to personal energy independence.

Tickets for Science Distilled are \$10 for members of The Discovery and \$15 for nonmembers. Science Distilled is presented in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno College of Science, and is supported by KUNR and New West Distributing. Visit sciencedistilled.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

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