a challenge for the next generation of explorers and eye-popping virtual tour of the moon and introducing the public to a universe of discovery a few of the stories to tell you about this week at NASA the 24th annual human exploration rover challenge kicked off on April 13th in Huntsville Alabama the two-day competition hosted by our Marshall Space Flight Center challenges students to build and test human powered roving vehicles inspired by the Apollo lunar missions as well as plans for future missions to the moon Mars and
beyond the competition routinely includes teams from the continental US Puerto Rico and countries such as Brazil Germany India and Mexico a 5-minute virtual tour of the moon by our lunar reconnaissance orbiter mission has been recreated in AI poppin 4k resolution the tour visits a number of lunar sites some are on the moon’s near side and are familiar to both professional and amateur observers on earth while others can only be seen clearly from space our scientists engineers and other experts introduce the public to a universe of
discovery at the USA science and engineering festival April 7th and 8th in Washington DC interactive activities and presentations help the festival attendees learn about exoplanets cube sets the James Webb Space Telescope deep space exploration and more how many sunrises and sunsets do you see in the course of a day actor Will Smith the host of the National Geographic Channel documentary one strange rock chatted with our astronaut drew Feustel for the first Instagram live from the International Space Station we pick up
the Sun sets it takes me an hour and a half to get around the planet once the event ran on Smith and NAT Chios Instagram accounts our digital communications efforts to bring you last year's total solar eclipse Cassini's grand finale and other events not only made 2017 our biggest year yet for online engagement but also have earned us nominations for six webby awards the highest honor for online communications the nominations are for NASA websites and social media activity for more details about the nominations
and to learn how to vote go to nasa.gov

slash webby 18 Jim green our director of planetary science has been named as the agency's new chief scientist effective May 1st he succeeds acting chief scientist Gale Allen who is retiring after more than 30 years of government service Green will represent the agency's strategic science objectives and contributions to the national and international science communities and advise the administrator on agency science policy that's what's up this week @nasa for more on these and other
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