

Rising Star



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The Youth Newsletter of your Alhambra Credit Union

We're savin' safe in 2010

Kids Did you ever wonder how your money is kept **safe** in the credit union? Some kids did, so they called the credit union to find out about how their savings are protected.

They found out that our money is insured by **NCUA**. The National Credit Union Administration is a government agency that insures credit union accounts up to at least \$250,000.00!

So when you save at Alhambra Credit Union, you know that your money is in a very **SAFE PLACE**.

When you come to the credit union or go to our Website, look for the **NCUA** logo—that tells you that your money is insured.



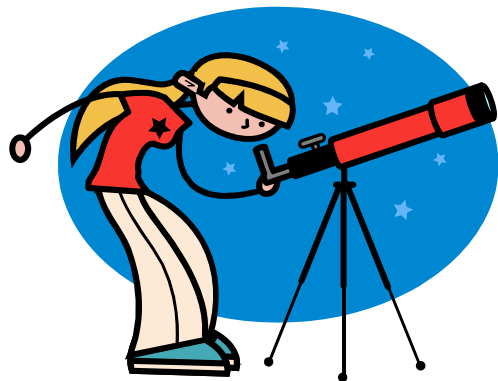
You "R" Special ... The Rising Star account at our credit union is for kids up to age 12. As an R-Star you receive this **newsletter** each month. You also get **monthly dividends** on your savings AND when you make a deposit, you get one '**CU Dollar**' for each dollar you deposit. These 'CU Dollars' can be used to buy **toys** at our **Kids Corner** in the credit union lobby.



How the Rovers were named

Spirit and Opportunity—two cherished qualities that guide humans to explore

An essay contest was held in 2003 by NASA, the Lego Company and the Planetary Society to name the twin robot explorers headed to Mars. Nearly 10,000 entries were received. 9-year old Russian-American **Sofi Collis** of Scottsdale, Arizona wrote the winning essay. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said "Now ... we have names for the rovers that are extremely worthy of the bold mission they are about to undertake ..." **Sofi** read her essay.



"I used to live in an orphanage. It was dark and cold and lonely. At night, I looked up at the sparkly sky and felt better. I dreamed I could fly there. In America, I can make all my dreams come true. Thank you for the 'Spirit' and the 'Opportunity.'"

Rover News



5 years on Mars

Spirit and Opportunity arrived on Mars in January of 2004. The rovers have provided us with an astonishing amount of knowledge. We now know a lot about the history and geology of the Red Planet.

Spirit, the first rover to arrive, has been stuck in a sand trap since April. Its left three wheels are almost entirely buried; its right-front wheel does not work and right-rear is having problems. It is likely trapped and will not 'rove' again. This is a problem because of the Martian winter; *Spirit* will not be able to drive to a location with a good tilt towards the sun and it could 'freeze' if it cannot produce power for the heaters that keep its equipment warm.

Though *Spirit* remains stationary, it is still doing a lot of work sensing ground movement and doing other important monitoring jobs.

Opportunity is still roving and hard at work exploring the Martian terrain.