Outer Planets

Sept. 23, 2002

1) To Boldly Go

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Review

- Atmospheres
 - greenhouse effect
- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars
- Moon

Things to Look For in To Boldly Go

- Incredible distances involved
- Planetary/Satellite interiors and atmospheres
 - composition
 - chemistry
- What the planets and moons tell us about the Solar System
- ■Miranda differentiation
- ■Io tidal forces, colors, active volcanoes
- Why Uranus tipped over
- Rings
 - •how gravity "plays" with the ring system
 - •how the rings stay intact
 - size
- Interactions of scientists, how they solve problems and how they cope with the new and unexpected
- •How scientists work on new models (theories) to explain new observations