

Milky Way

Questions

Interesting comments :

The Milky Way is a galaxy; a galaxy is group of many stars.

Our solar system is 26,000 light-years from the center of the Galaxy

It takes 250 million years for our Sun to pull us through one revolution around the center of the Milky Way

The ancient Romans called it the *Via Galactica*, or "road made of milk". This is how our galaxy became

Our Galaxy is a spiral galaxy that formed approximately 14 billion years ago. Contained in the Milky Way are stars, clouds of dust and gas called nebulae, planets, and asteroids. Stars, dust, and gas fan out from the center of the Galaxy in long spiraling arms.

If every star in the Milky Way was a grain of salt they would fill an Olympic sized swimming pool.

1. When you look up into the night sky, most of the stars you see are located in the center of the Milky Way?
2. The Milky Way is classified as what type of galaxy?

ANSWERS

1. No , when you look up at the night sky, you mostly see stars in one of the long spiral arms of the Milky Way
2. The Milky Way is classified as a spiral galaxy



This is the Milky Way