

The Virginia Living Museum Celebrates The Great American Eclipse

Newport News, VA – The Great American Eclipse is coming! On August 21, 2017, the United States will experience a rare and marvelous event – a total eclipse of the Sun. Join us at the Virginia Living Museum (VLM) for programming that will give you all the information you need to know about how, when, and where to view this astronomical spectacle safely. (The expected window of the partial eclipse is from 1:30-4:30pm.)

View this rare celestial event safely among our experts at the VLM. We will offer telescope views of the Sun throughout the partial eclipse and provide eclipse glasses to our visitors for direct viewing. In inclement weather, we will attempt to display a live webcast of the total solar eclipse in the Abbitt Planetarium for all to enjoy. The cost of viewing is included in Museum admission. Eclipse viewing glasses are free while supplies last. (Eclipse viewing glasses can also be purchased at the Wild Things Museum Store for \$2.00.)

The Museum's Abbitt Planetarium Theater will have special showings of "Eclipse 2017". This timely program gives viewers the how, when and where to view this astronomical spectacle safely. Shows on Eclipse day can be viewed at 10:30am, 11:30am, or 12:30pm and is recommended for ages 10 and above. The cost for the show is free to VLM members and \$4 in addition to general admission for non-members.

For those who want to be prepared, join Dr. Kelly Herbst, VLM Astronomy Curator, Thursday, August 17 at 6pm for a special talk about the Eclipse as part of our Naturally Speaking Summer Series. Registration is required at thevlm.org. The talk is included in admission and the Museum will be open until 8pm the evening of the talk. The Naturally Speaking Summer Series is sponsored by Virginia Health Services.

The Virginia Living Museum is located at 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, I-64, exit 258A. For more information visit thevlm.org.