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Schools and Community Organizations Invited to the Triton College Cernan Earth and Space Center to Witness the Partial Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8

Purchase Protective Glasses in Bulk to Safely View the Eclipse

RIVER GROVE – Triton College’s Cernan Earth and Space Center is inviting area schools, libraries, and senior centers to observe the partial solar eclipse on the college’s campus Monday, April 8. While totality will not be visible from the Chicago area, Triton’s Cernan Center is hosting an event to safely observe 93% of the sun eclipsed, weather permitting.

The schedule for the April 8 event follows:

- **9:30 a.m.:** The Cernan Center’s Box Office and Star Store will open to sell Planetarium tickets and eclipse glasses, along with other merchandise.
- **Noon-3:30 p.m.:** Weather permitting, visitors will observe the partial solar eclipse, which will begin at **12:51 p.m. CDT** as seen from Triton College. Telescopes with full aperture solar filters and a variety of indirect viewing methods will be provided for all to enjoy. Over the next hour, more and more of the sun’s bright disk will be blocked by the moon. Maximum eclipse will occur at **2:07 p.m. CDT**. After that time, the moon will appear to cover less and less of the sun’s disk until “last contact” at the end of the partial phase at **3:22 p.m. CDT**.
- **ECLIPSE: The Sun Revealed** will be showing in the Planetarium at **11:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 12:50 p.m.** and **1:30 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased for \$4 each for all ages.
- After maximum eclipse, *Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon Cosmic Light Show* will be presented in the Planetarium at **2:30 p.m.** and **3:30 p.m.** Tickets will be \$5 each.
- Throughout the afternoon enjoy music outdoors, watch livestreaming video of totality indoors, and make and take UV bracelets in the Cernan Center lobby.

To participate, please RSVP by Monday, April 1 to cernan@triton.edu.

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Schools and other community organizations that cannot come to Triton's campus the day of the event can still view the eclipse safely! The Cernan Center is selling protective glasses and viewing cards for \$1 each in bulk (50 or more glasses). To purchase without paying tax, please provide a tax-exempt form when picking up the glasses.

To order, call or email the Cernan Center at cernan@triton.edu or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372.

For information about Triton College's Cernan Earth and Space Center, visit <http://triton.edu/Cernan>.

For information all about solar and lunar eclipses, including interactive location maps, images, history and more, check out <http://triton.edu/Cernan/eclipse>.

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