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## **Join CCE at the Irondequoit Eclipse Fest: Together in Totality, Hosted by Helmer Nature Center, On April 8th from 1-5pm**

Irondequoit is right on track for a spectacular viewing of the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, please join us at **Helmer Nature Center, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 pm** for the “Irondequoit Eclipse Fest: Together in Totality”. This all-ages event is free and open to the public on the Helmer Nature Center grounds, 154 Pinegrove Ave, Irondequoit, NY, 14617. “Eclipse Fest: Together in Totality” is being sponsored by Helmer Nature Center, West Irondequoit Central School District, Irondequoit Recreation, the Town of Irondequoit, and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County. Sound equipment is being sponsored by the House of Guitars.

There will be a free shuttle looping to Helmer every fifteen minutes between 1:00-5:00 from the parking lot of the Irondequoit Recreation Community Center, 450 Skyview Centre Pkwy Suite 200, Irondequoit, NY 14622. There will be **NO PARKING** available to the public on site at HNC, located at 154 Pinegrove Ave. Accommodations for disabled persons can be made. Please call HNC at 585-336-3035 for more information. Participants are encouraged to walk, bike, or park in lots at nearby schools such as Seneca, Listwood, Dake Jr. High School and Irondequoit High School.

Eclipse Fest amenities include telescopes with solar filters; fun crafts and activities for safely viewing eclipses; space-themed music; food and drinks for purchase; a self-guided planet hike; ham radios; community tabling; eclipse logo contest winners art display; a NASA live stream of the eclipse; informational sessions; and plenty of room in our fields for eclipse viewing! The event will be held rain or shine.

Rochester and the surrounding areas are in the “path of totality” for this rare solar eclipse. The last time Rochester was in the path of totality was January 24, 1925. The next one will be October 26, 2144.

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There will be a limited number of eclipse glasses for a suggested donation of \$2 available at the Fest, cash or check only. If you would like to reserve glasses in advance, email [arc279@cornell.edu](mailto:arc279@cornell.edu) or [HelmerNatureCenter@gmail.com](mailto:HelmerNatureCenter@gmail.com) information. Glasses are *also available at Irondequoit Recreation Community Center (\$2, limited supply)*. Thank you to the Rochester Museum and Science Center's Eclipse Ambassador Program for supporting this event! *For event details, visit our website at:*

<https://www.westirondequoit.org/community/helmer-nature-center/calendar/events/eclipse-fest>



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