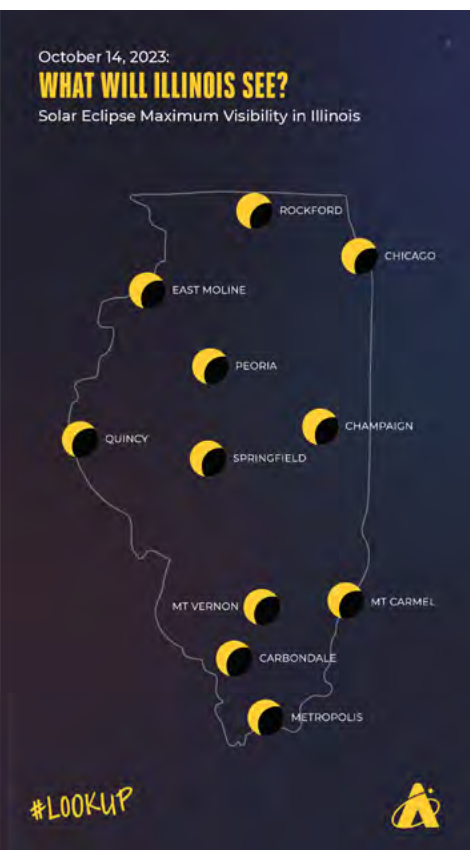




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Adler Planetarium Invites Guests to Watch Saturday, Oct. 14 Partial Solar Eclipse Together on Museum Campus



Join the Adler Planetarium for [Eclipse Encounter '23](#), a free outdoor event for the public beginning at 10:30 am, in celebration of the Saturday, October 14, partial solar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible beginning at 10:37 am CDT, and lasting until 1:22 pm CDT. The peak of the eclipse is at 11:58 am CDT, when about 43 percent of the Sun will be covered by the Moon as seen from Chicago. **All times listed are specific to Chicago.*

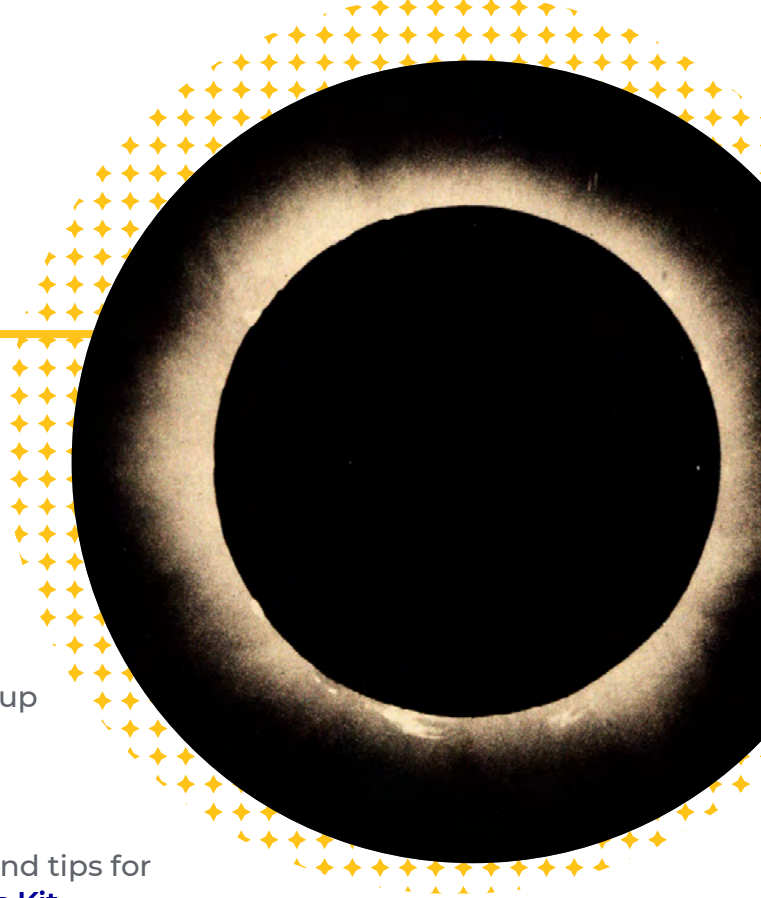
WGN's very own legendary meteorologist Tom Skilling will be on hand for the festivities, Adler staff, volunteers, and teens will be handing out solar viewers (while supplies last) and facilitating activities, telescopes fitted with solar filters will be set up around the museum grounds to view the eclipse safely, and two giant pairs of solar glasses will be available for guests to take fun eclipse selfies.

[Sky Observers Hangout](#)

A special edition of the Adler's popular live YouTube show will take place from 10:15 am–11:00 am. See how our public observing team teaches the audience about solar eclipses, while a live view of the Sun, via a solar telescope, is shown throughout the duration of the eclipse (weather permitting).

[*Chasing Eclipses](#) Temporary Exhibition

Back by popular demand, our *Chasing Eclipses* temporary exhibition, which was originally created for the 2017 total solar eclipse, has been refreshed and is located on the lower level of the museum. This exhibit highlights the ways people have looked at solar eclipses in wonder. Guests can learn what a solar eclipse is, explore related artifacts from the Adler collections, and discover how people have predicted when solar eclipses would occur. *Chasing Eclipses* uncovers the excitement of traveling the world to chase eclipses and the thrilling stories of solar eclipse sightings worldwide. **Museum admission is required. Tickets must be purchased online, in advance.*



On the Horizon

On April 8, 2024, part of the United States will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. In Chicago, 94 percent of the Sun will be covered by the Moon, while in southern Illinois, viewers will experience totality up to a maximum of 4 minutes 10 seconds, depending on location. Stay tuned for more information about *Eclipse Encounter '24* as we lead up to the next big event!


To learn more about all of the Adler's eclipse-related programming, including facts about solar eclipses and tips for safe viewing, get our [Eclipse Encounter Digital Press Kit](#).

Eclipse Encounter '23 is made possible in part by ITW, ComEd & Exelon. A special thanks to the Adler's October 14 *Eclipse Encounter '23* media partner, WGN-TV.

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About the Adler Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium connects people to the universe and each other. Whether it is introducing a guest to the Ring Nebula, a neighborhood school to a community partner, a research team to a network of citizen scientists, or one staff member to another, the Adler's focus on meaningful connections dates back nearly a century. The museum typically hosts more than half a million visitors each year and reaches millions more through youth STEAM programs, neighborhood skywatching events, people-powered research, and other outreach efforts. Today, the Adler is bringing our unique approach—scientific exploration rooted in community and connection—to guests from around the world who can enjoy the digital Adler from their own homes, libraries, schools or offices. With the Adler's support, people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities gain the confidence to explore their universe together and return to their communities ready to think critically and creatively about any challenge that comes their way.

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