

Solar Eclipse 2017: Eclipse-viewing parties and events around Arizona

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Mesa Community College will host viewing parties at two of its campuses -- Dobson and Southern and Red Mountain. The parties start at 9 a.m. and end at noon on August 21.

Special glasses to view the solar eclipse will be handed out while supplies last, a [news release](#) said. It did not specify how many glasses will be available. There will also be demonstrations, information about the eclipse, concessions and the ability to make a solar viewer.

There will be free planetarium shows at the Dobson and Southern campus only. Shows are scheduled for 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

IF YOU GO:

Southern & Dobson campus: 1833 W. Southern Avenue, Mesa AZ

Red Mountain campus: 7110 E. McKellips Road, Mesa AZ

CHANDLER-GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE - PECOS CAMPUS

Astronomers in Chandler-Gilbert Community College's astronomy program will be hosting an eclipse-viewing party that is free and open to the public. People will be able to view the eclipse through a telescope and make pinhole camera, a safe way to watch the eclipse. The astronomers will also be able to answer questions

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IF YOU GO:

Pecos Campus, Ironwood Hall, 2626 E. Pecos Road, Chandler AZ 85255

METEOR CRATER AZ (WINSLOW)

Meteor Crater Arizona, an attraction near Winslow, Arizona at the site where a meteorite crashed into the desert some 50,000 years ago, is hosting an event for the eclipse. Guests will be able to receive special glasses to watch the eclipse, according to a tweet.

No other specific details were released. Gates will open at 7 a.m. General admission is \$18 for adults and \$9 for children. There are discounts for seniors and military members.

IF YOU GO:

Meteor Crater AZ, Interstate 40 at exit 233.

LOWELL OBSERVATORY (FLAGSTAFF)

[Lowell Observatory](#), the space research institution that discovered the then-planet Pluto, will have its telescopes ready to observe the solar eclipse. From 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., there will be [various programs](#) throughout the day including access to the telescopes, a live stream of the eclipse from Oregon, and a craft to make your own pinhole viewer. The event is included with general admission which is \$15 and \$8 for kids.

IF YOU GO:

Lowell Observatory, 1400 W. Mars Hill Road, Flagstaff AZ 86001

<https://lowell.edu/>

Editor's note: A previous version of this story listed the wrong day of the week for the total eclipse. It will take place on Monday, August 21, not Saturday.

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