

# Carolinas Solar Eclipse Party – Application to be a N.C. Event Host



*This document provides a preview of the application questions. Do not send in this document as your application. Instead, please visit <http://moreheadplanetarium.org/eclipse> where you will find the Call for Event Hosts with more detailed information and a link to submit your application online via a qualtrics form. Questions? Please contact [eclipse@unc.edu](mailto:eclipse@unc.edu)*

## Contact Person and Organization Information.

Your Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Organization/Institution Information:

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Partners for your eclipse event on August 21, 2017.**

Event Hosts are required to collaborate with community partners. Please tell us what partners you intend to work with, and describe how you envision your collaboration for your eclipse event on August 21, 2017. (Required - limit 3000 characters)

## **Plans for your eclipse event on August 21, 2017.**

All of North Carolina gets a partial solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. But only a small sliver of western NC gets the total solar eclipse. A rough overview of the path of totality through NC is available here <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/NC.htm> and a zoomable version is available from this page: [http://www.eclipse2017.org/xavier\\_redirect.htm](http://www.eclipse2017.org/xavier_redirect.htm)

In which NC County will your Aug 21, 2017 event be held?

We plan to select event hosts both within and outside the path of totality. Please tell us about your event location:

We'll get the partial solar eclipse only.

We'll get the total solar eclipse.

Describe your plans for organizing an eclipse event for Monday, August 21, 2017. Please include the location, intended audience, how your participants will observe the Sun, other activities participants will do at your event (remember that you receive an Eclipse Party kit), your rain/cloud plan, your marketing plan, and any other details you feel are important. (Required - limit 3000 characters)

What is your staffing plan for your eclipse event on August 21, 2017? (Be aware that if your location will not experience the total eclipse, you should not count on finding astronomers to partner with. Similarly, your staff who are most knowledgeable about astronomy may want to go to totality.) (Required - limit 3000 characters)

## **Audience for your eclipse event on August 21, 2017.**

Please categorize any underserved audiences you hope to reach through your eclipse event on August 21, 2017. Check all that apply:

- Racial and ethnic minorities / communities of color
- American Indian / Alaska Native
- Low-income / lower socio-economic status
- Girls
- At-risk youth
- Non-native English speakers
- Disabled / differently abled
- Rural
- Inner city
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A

Please give us your best estimate of how many people will attend your eclipse event on August 21, 2017. This will help us determine how to fairly allocate kit resources. Check one of the following:

- <50
- 51-100
- 101-250
- 251-500
- 501-1000
- >1000

Please add any comments on your estimated attendance. (Optional - limit 1000 characters)

## **Using your Eclipse Party kit at other programming.**

Please indicate where you might use your Eclipse Party kit activities during the rest of the year. Check all that apply:

- ongoing programming at our facility
- collaborations with local youth service organizations  
(4-H, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Girls Inc., PTA, the Y, YWCA, etc.)
- family science nights
- afterschool programming
- special one-time events
- community events
- summer camp programming

- library outreach
- K-12 school outreach
- home school programs
- adult-only events
- celestial events (such as star gazing, meteor showers, moon viewing, etc.)
- other: \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A

## **Plans for using your Eclipse Party kit at other times during the year.**

Please describe how you plan to use the Eclipse Party Kit activities in other contexts in addition to the required event on August 21, 2017 described above. Strong applications will include such plans. (Required - limit 3000 characters)

## **Previous experience.**

Do you have experience with planning and hosting public skywatching events that offer hands-on activities? Please elaborate. (Required - limit 1000 characters)

## **Professional development.**

Event hosts are required to send at least 2 people from their organization and/or partnering organization(s) to a day of in-person professional development (approximately 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on the eclipse and Eclipse Party kit activities. Kits will be distributed at the trainings.

Trainings are scheduled for:

- Monday, May 8, 2017 in Rosman, at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute
- Monday, May 15, 2017, in Wilmington, at Cape Fear Museum of History and Science
- Monday, May 22, 2017, in Chapel Hill, at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center

These three trainings are open to all accepted Eclipse Event Hosts.

An additional training is scheduled for April 10-13, 2017 in Cullowhee at the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching (<http://www.nccat.org/>). This training is available only for K-12 teachers who have applied and been accepted to that particular NCCAT seminar.

Please indicate your first choice of training date/location:

Please indicate your second choice of training date/location:

Please add any comments related to training: (Optional - limit 1000 characters)

## Commitment/Terms and Conditions.

If you are selected to be an Eclipse Party host and receive an Eclipse kit, you are expected to agree to all of the following requirements:

- You must plan an event during the eclipse on **Monday, August 21, 2017**. An indoor rain/cloud plan is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Your event will be open to the **public**. Free events are encouraged, but not mandatory.
- Your event includes a safe **solar observing** component involving the real sky. No planetarium-only events, except in case of clouds or rain. (Offering viewing with eclipse glasses meets the safe solar observing requirement.)
- You must have **partners that you will collaborate with to plan and host your event**. Your partners may include science centers, astronomy clubs, parks, teachers/local school, library, storytellers, Scout groups, church groups, etc.
- Your organization and/or your partnering organizations **supplies the venue and staffing**. (Be aware that you should not count on finding astronomers to partner with, especially if your location will not experience the total eclipse.)
- You must **send at least two people** planning or staffing your event (from among your organization and/or your partners) to attend **in-person professional development** of approximately 6 hours. These trainings are scheduled for:
  - Monday, May 8, 2017, in Rosman, at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute
  - Monday, May 15, 2017, in Wilmington, at Cape Fear Museum of History and Science.
  - Monday, May 22, 2017, in Chapel Hill, at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.
  - An additional training is scheduled for April 10-13, 2017 in Cullowhee at the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching. This training is available only for K-12 teachers who have applied and been accepted to that particular NCCAT seminar.
- You commit to **trying out in advance the educational activities in the Eclipse Party kit**, which will be supplied by the Eclipse Party Coordinators at your training, and to **using 3 or more activities** (out of at least six) at your event.
- You commit to **recruiting and training staff and volunteers** to work at your event, including how to lead kit activities.
- You agree to **pass along communications** from the Eclipse Party Coordinators to everyone working the event.
- You agree to **complete an event host evaluation survey** by September 30, 2017.

- You agree to **share anecdotes and photos** from your event with the Carolinas Solar Eclipse Initiative team when possible.

I agree to these terms.

I do NOT agree to these terms.

## **Other**

Is there anything else you would like to share or want us to know regarding your application to be an NC Event Host? (Optional - limit 3000 characters)