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SANBORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOST SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM

“Let’s Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse” Program will Inform on the Upcoming April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse

SANBORNTON, NH -- On Wednesday, January 17 at 11:00 AM the Sanbornton Public Library and Sanbornton Recreation will present “Let’s Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse,” a program presented by Sally Jensen, of Campton, NH, who is a NASA Solar System Ambassador Master Teacher. The event will be held at the Sanbornton Recreation’s monthly Senior Lunch at the First Baptist Church at 17 Church Lane (off Interstate 93’s exit 22) in Sanbornton. There is no charge for the program or the lunch; the program will begin at 11:00 AM and lunch will begin around noon.

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Rebekka Mateyk, Library Director, is enthusiastic about the event. She says, “It is rare and very special to see a total solar eclipse and experience it with others. Some people bring homemade pinhole projectors, solar viewing glasses, or other specialized equipment that is designed for solar viewing. It’s fun to see people share ideas about where they will be to experience the eclipse and the excitement that builds as we get closer to the event in April.”

Sally Jensen, NASA Solar System Ambassador Master Teacher, says “Observing a total solar eclipse is a truly incredible experience. As the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, the sky darkens, temperatures drop, and the stars become visible in the middle of the day. The sun’s corona, the outer atmosphere, becomes visible as a beautiful halo around the moon. After the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044, so preparing to get the best live view of the eclipse without damaging your eyes is the top priority. Our goal is to help people enjoy the experience safely.”

For more information, please contact the Sanbornton Public Library at 603.286.8288.

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