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Eclipse 2017

Carbondale is in the path of totality for not one, but two total solar eclipses. The first total solar eclipse over the U.S. since 1979 will reach its point of greatest duration just a few miles south of Carbondale on Aug. 21, 2017. The next solar eclipse will happen on April 8, 2024. The Department of Public Safety has been responsible for the strategic planning of the Eclipse on campus. DPS has partnered with multiple agencies to ensure all safety and security measures are in place prior to the event. The centerlines of totality for both these eclipses intersect over Carbondale's Cedar Lake. Saluki Stadium is the focal point of the eclipse observation event, where the public is invited to a guided eclipse experience emceed by Mat Kaplan of Planetary Radio. Guests will see the eclipse happening live overhead while watching and participating in a variety of edutainment activities developed in conjunction with our partners, including NASA Eclipse 2017, the Adler Planetarium of Chicago, the Louisiana Space Consortium, The Science Center of Southern Illinois and other related groups. The combination of the eclipse and the start of the new school year for SIU likely will mean traditional hotels/motels will be booked, so early reservations may be a good idea. There is a very large amount of camping available in the area in the hundreds of thousands of acres that make up the Shawnee National Forest and surrounding public grounds.

What is a Total Solar Eclipse? It is an astronomical phenomenon in which the moon passes in between the Sun and Earth unveiling a solar corona as the Moon's shadow crosses the Earth.

What should I look for in a Total Solar Eclipse? An out of body experience that will be a peak moment in your life. You will look for elements such as the solar corona, baily's beads, shadow bands, prominences, diamond ring, the chromosphere, not to mention the breath taking twilight around the horizon. With clear skies, you should be able to see several planets as well.

What does this mean for the start of Fall semester? Classes that day will be canceled but the university will be open. Students with on-campus jobs are being advised to report to work as scheduled unless other arrangements have been made with supervisors. Students are urged to move in early, whether they live on- or off-campus. University Housing will be encouraging students to be moved in by Thursday, August 17 to avoid traffic issues and potential challenges for families needing hotel rooms.

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SIU Police

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Parking Division

618-453-5369

Counseling and Psychological Services

618-453-5371

Wellness Center

618-536-4441

Health Center

618-453-3311

Night Safety Transit

618-453-2212

Carbondale Resources

Carbondale Police

618-457-3200

Women's Center

618-529-2324

Memorial Hospital

618-549-0721

Services Provided

Emergency Response Training

Report Suspicious Activity

Campus Emergency Response Guide

Night Safety Transit

Campus Map

Parking Map

Daily Crime Log

FOIA Request Form

SIU Campus Crime Report

Safety Awareness Facts and Educations

Housing Personal Safety

Summer Calendar

**Finals Week
May 8th – 12th**

**Sunset Concerts at Shryock
June 16
June 30
July 14
July 28**

New Student Orientations

McLeod Summer Playhouse

**Summer Semester Starts
May 18**

**Fall Semester Starts
August 22**

Alcohol Safety and Tips

The Department of Public Safety wants you to be smart and safe when it comes to consuming alcohol. Nothing is more important to the Department of Public Safety than your safety and security.

Alcohol is a drug that affects your body and behavior. It is a central nervous system depressant that is rapidly absorbed from the stomach and small intestine into the bloodstream. Drinking too much alcohol can put you at risk for alcohol poisoning. Some indicating factors of alcohol poisoning are cold clammy skin, slow or irregular breathing, and constant vomiting. If you or any of your friends are experiencing any of these symptoms, seek medical help immediately. There are several things you can do to prevent this from happening, such as eating before drinking, knowing your limit, and sipping your drinks instead of chugging.

Another thing to consider while drinking alcohol is to not drink and drive. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an average of one alcohol-impaired driving fatality occurs every 53 minutes. The legal limit in Illinois is .08. You can be under the limit but still too impaired to drive. Always have a designated driver or walk instead of driving if the party is close enough.

If drinking at a bar or larger party with people you do not know, make sure to never leave your drinks unattended. If you put your drink down and walk away, do not drink from it again just throw it away. Be leery of unfamiliar drinks and who is giving them to you.

Try to always travel in pairs and in well-lit, highly visible areas. Tell a friend or family member not attending the event where you will be going so someone sober knows where you are.

If you get separated from your friends and are lost, do not hesitate to dial 911 for assistance. Your safety is more important than a fine.

The Spring 2017 final exam schedule can be found [here](#). Finals can be one of the most stressful times for a student; ensure you are prepared with these study tips:

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| 1. Create study guides | 6. Talk with your professors |
| 2. Attend review sessions | 7. Start studying NOW |
| 3. Take breaks | 8. Get plenty of rest |
| 4. Make flashcards | 9. Quiz yourself |
| 5. Prioritize your exams | 10. Eat breakfast |

FINAL EXAMS

THEFT PREVENTION

How do you keep this guy out of your office?



Many theft and burglary incidents reported to the Department of Public Safety can be avoided by following these safety tips.

- ⇒ Lock your office door
- ⇒ Store valuables out of sight
- ⇒ Lock desk drawers and filing cabinets that contain valuable items or information
- ⇒ Do not leave personal and valuable items unattended
- ⇒ Keep a record and serial numbers for electronic items
- ⇒ Report suspicious persons or activity immediately to police
- ⇒ Do not prop open exterior doors to buildings on campus
- ⇒ Do not let people into buildings after hours that do not have a security pass
- ⇒ Close windows, blinds, and curtains before leaving

Most Common Items Stolen from an Office

Loose change and cash, backpacks, textbooks, electronic items, jewelry, wallets and purses, anything of value.

BURGLARY PREVENTION

How do you keep this person out of your car?



If you bring a car to campus you can help us **prevent** auto-burglary. Thefts from vehicles occur at all hours, day and night, and generally have one thing in common: something to steal ... something valuable left in the car. Many auto-burglaries are crimes of opportunity and could be avoided had simple preventative steps been taken.

Auto-burglary prevention, like all crime prevention, involves limiting the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. With very little time and effort, you can make a huge difference in your vulnerability to auto burglary.

- ⇒ Don't leave valuables in your car. If you must leave items in your car, keep them out of sight, locked in the glove box, or in the trunk
- ⇒ Lock your car, roll up windows
- ⇒ Park in busy, well-lit areas
- ⇒ Set alarms or anti-theft devices

Most Common Items Stolen from Vehicles: Loose change and cash, backpacks, gym bags, electronic items, jewelry, wallets and purses, anything of value.

Looking Back...

April Campus Presentations

April 3, 2017
Staying Safe
Morris Library

April 6, 2017
Crime Prevention Tips
Recreational Center

April 7, 2017
Crime Prevention Tips
Woody Hall

April 11, 2017
Domestic Violence
Lot 45

April Housing Presentations

April 2, 2017
Staying Safe
Trueblood Hall

April 2, 2017
Campus Safety
Mae Smith Hall

April 3, 2017
Dating Violence
Wall & Grand Bld. 1

April 27, 2017
Domestic Violence
Baldwin

Discovery Day at Lewis School

On April 21, 2017 officers with the Department of Public Safety conducted an event at Lewis Elementary School with 4th and 5th graders. The students examined bite marks and tool impressions to solve a mock burglary. The students were able to learn about burglary prevention, in addition to interacting with police officers to solve a mock crime.



May 2017 Commencement

Congratulations on your upcoming Saluki Graduation. Commencement ceremonies will be May 13 at the SIU Arena. Guest are encouraged to show up early, seating is first-come, first-served and is limited. Parking is available in all of the surrounding parking lots.

Start the weekend off with a Celebration. FOREVER SIU will be Friday, May 12, 2017, from 7-10 p.m. in the Student Center complete with food, drinks, live band karaoke, bowling billiards, life-size Saluki jenga and much more! Come out and celebrate with your friends, family, classmates, faculty and staff. Admission is free.