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Solar Eclipse

On Monday, August 21, 2017 at approximately 1:21 p.m., Carbondale will experience a total solar eclipse. A solar eclipse 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. 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. The partial phases of the eclipse will begin at 11:52 a.m. and end at 2:47 p.m.

The Department of Public Safety, along with various other on-campus departments and outside organizations, 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 the eclipse intersects 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.

What should I look for in a Total Solar Eclipse? 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.

For more information regarding the events and parking locations related to the eclipse, see [page 4](#) or [click here](#).

<http://eclipse.siu.edu/>

SIU Campus Resources

SIU Police

618-453-3771

Parking Division

618-453-5369

Counseling Center

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



Services ProvidedEmergency Response
TrainingReport Suspicious ActivityCampus Emergency
Response GuideNight Safety TransitCampus MapParking MapDaily Crime LogFOIA Request FormSIU Campus Crime ReportSafety Awareness Facts and
EducationsHousing Personal Safety**August Calendar**August 16–17
Move In
University HousingAugust 18
12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Watermelon Fest
Outside Morris LibraryAugust 21
All Day
Eclipse
Saluki StadiumAugust 22
First Day of ClassesSeptember 4
Campus Closed
Labor Day

Safety During the Eclipse

Southern Illinois has extremely hot summers. Follow the below tips during periods of high heat:

- ◆ Build an [emergency kit](#), with items such as water, food, and batteries
- ◆ Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes or shades
- ◆ Learn first aid
- ◆ Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-coloring clothes that cover as much skin as possible
- ◆ Wear sunblock and a wide-brimmed hat
- ◆ Limit exposure to the sun during extreme heat
- ◆ Drink plenty of water

Traffic and Road Conditions During the eclipse, it is expected that there will be up to approximately 50,000 extra people within southern Illinois. This influx of visitors could result in various issues for southern Illinois. Roadways may become decongested, resulting in longer than normal travel times. In addition, it is possible that roadways may become impassable. In that case, it is recommended that people travel with plenty of water inside of their vehicle to withstand a traffic jam lasting for several hours. In addition, drivers should consider maintaining plenty of fuel in their vehicles.

Groceries, Resources, and Cell/Internet Services Stock up on groceries, medications, pet supplies, gasoline, and other necessary supplies. Due to the large amount of visitors to the area, it is expected that resources will be scarce and supplies depleted. Also, make sure to have cash on hand in case ATMs and internet services become unavailable. People are encouraged to have a backup communication plan with family members and friends in case cell towers become overloaded.

Special Eclipse Glasses As you may know, while viewing the eclipse, it is necessary to use appropriate eye protection from a reputable source. The University Bookstore in the Student Center will be selling glasses that can be utilized to look at the sun during the eclipse. For further questions regarding safety glasses, visit this [site](#).



Theft and Burglary Protection There will be many visitors staying within Schneider Hall and/or camping at the Student Recreation Center. Some helpful theft prevention tips include:

- ◆ Store valuables out of sight, in a locked container that is incapable of being taken
- ◆ Do not leave personal and valuable items unattended
- ◆ Keep a record and serial numbers for electronic items (Use this [form](#), if needed)
- ◆ Report suspicious behavior or persons to the police immediately
- ◆ Do not prop open exterior doors to buildings on campus
- ◆ Do not let people into buildings that do not have a pass
- ◆ Set alarms or anti-theft devices
- ◆ Lock your vehicles

Also, be aware that the eclipse may incite fear into children, the elderly, people with severe disabilities, and pets. Supervise those who may become frightened over the eclipse phenomenon, and, if necessary, crate pets. **Do not leave pets unattended in vehicles.**

https://police.siu.edu/Newsroom/20170717-severe_heat.php

<https://www.ready.gov/heat>



Meet Your Liaison!

Mae Smith– Ofc. Allen, Ofc. Gibbs

Schneider– Ofc. Tuthill

Neely– Ofc. Nguyen, Ofc. Gibbs

U. Hall – Cpl. Harrell, Ofc. Sneed

Saluki Athletics– Cpl. Cunico

RSO– Ofc. Smith

Trueblood/ Lentz– Ofc. Dozier

Morris Library– Ofc. Bryant

Recreation Center– Ofc. Dozier

Evergreen Terrace– Ofc. Stark

Student Services– Ofc. Stark

Communications– Cpl. Keith

Life Sciences– Cpl. Keith

Northwest Annex– Sgt. Willmore

Faner Hall– Sgt. Willmore

Anthony Hall– Lt. Allen

Wall & Grand– Cpl. Harrell, Ofc. Dintelman

Bailey, Baldwin, Abbott Hall– Cpl.

Murphy, Ofc. Rafe, Ofc. Fager

Smith, Warren, Kellogg Hall– Cpl.

Murphy, Ofc. Rafe, Ofc. Presley

Felts, Brown, Steagall Hall– Cpl. Mur-

phy, Ofc. Rafe, Ofc. Allen

Bowyer, Pierce Hall– Cpl. Murphy,

Ofc. Rafe, Ofc. Smithpeters

Violence Prevention & Response Training Offered at DPS

With tragic incidents, such as the shootings at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook Elementary School, students, staff, police, and citizens recognize the importance of developing and training for the possibility of encountering a violent or deadly situation while in any type of school system.

In 2015, the SIU Department of Public Safety implemented free monthly Violence Prevention and Response training for students, faculty, and staff. The training is held at DPS (located in the lower level of Trueblood Hall) on the first Wednesday of every month between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. This training consists of a presentation, a viewing of the “Run, Hide, Fight” video, and discussion.

If you or your group are interested in attending this free training, please phone or email Lt. Kendall Hollister (kendallh@dps.siu.edu) or Officer Kevin Cox (kevinc@dps.siu.edu), (618) 453-3771. We expect sessions to fill quickly, so please contact us to reserve a spot for you or your group. Seating is limited to 20-25 people per session and will be first come, first serve.



Dates
August 2, 2017
September 6, 2017
October 4, 2017
November 1, 2017
December 6, 2017



Parking Decals

Parking decals expire August 31. Purchase your new parking and bicycle decals at the Parking Division in the lower level of Trueblood Hall or online at parking.siu.edu.



Eclipse Festivities**Multiple Days**

Crossroads Festival
Carnival, Music, Food
Friday through Monday
South of SIU Arena

Carbondale Family Fun Zone
Saturday through Monday
Carbondale Town Square Pavilion

Carbondale Shadowfest Concert
Saturday through Monday
Downtown, Washington Square
Carbondale

Eclipse Comic Con
Saturday and Sunday
Student Center

Eclipse Information Tents
Sunday and Monday
North and South of SIU Arena

Saturday, August 19

Carbondale Eclipse Marketplace and
Live Music
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
First Mid-Illinois Bank Parking Lot

Galaxy Ride Events
Adler Planetarium in Southern Illinois
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
The Science Center
University Mall, Carbondale

Sunday, August 20

Crossroads Astronomy Science &
Technology Expo
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SIU Arena

Crossroads Art & Craft Fair
10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
North of SIU Arena

Planetary Radio Live with Host Mat
Kaplan
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Shryock Auditorium

Monday, August 21

Total Solar Eclipse
1:21 p.m.

For full events list, [click here](#).

Welcome Community Resource Officer Brandon Gibbs

Officer Brandon Gibbs was recently hired at the beginning of 2017. Officer Gibbs is not new to law enforcement, however, as he has worked as a police officer in the city of Carbondale and Shawneetown. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is excited to have Officer Gibbs at the department and even more excited to announce that Officer Gibbs will act as the Community Resource Officer (CRO) for academic year 2018.

In accordance with the chancellor's strategic initiatives outlined in "Pathways to Excellence: A Strategic Plan," as well as the SIU Department of Public Safety's proactive, community-oriented and community-involved policing philosophy, University Housing and DPS continue to collaborate and coordinate services to resolve community issues impacting the safety and security of University Housing student residents, guests, and staff. This cooperative effort is intended to improve the overall quality of life across University Housing residence halls, programming spaces, and dining facilities. Together, DPS and University Housing have dedicated a police officer to University Housing facilities. This officer provides an open and ongoing channel of communication between the various University Housing communities and DPS.

The CRO is responsible for being visible within student housing and dining facilities. The CRO's main function is not to make arrests; instead, the CRO is expected to help students problem solve and deal with issues that they may face while living and going to school at SIU. The CRO function has been successful in that students feel comfortable with officers that they frequently see within their areas. In addition, the CRO position assists with the investigations of crimes, as the CRO spends a large amount of time within housing facilities and can easily identify persons of interest in cases.

We welcome Officer Gibbs to the SIU Department of Public Safety, and we wish him luck on his new assignment as the CRO for the department. Make sure to introduce yourself to Officer Gibbs when you encounter him!

