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miSci prepares Capital Region for Spectacular Solar Eclipse Experience

(Schenectady, NY) The Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci) is getting the community excited, educated, and equipped for the once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse on April 8th. To enhance the public's understanding and enjoyment of this rare event miSci is holding eclipse workshops, educating the public, and offering eclipse glasses.

miSci's astronomy expert and planetarium manager **Kerry Lewis** will be travelling around the capital region with eclipse programs for local schools and is available to answer media questions about the upcoming event. She can be contacted at Kerry.lewis@misci.org for inquiries. This month she has conducted multiple teacher training classes and public eclipse events to prepare our area for this celestial event.

In addition, at 3:30 p.m. every Saturday until the eclipse museum visitors will be able to join miSci's **Weekend Workshop: miEclipse**. These programs are a crash course on how, when, and where eclipses happen and basic eclipse safety. Workshop attendees will also receive a pair of eclipse glasses and materials for a pinhole projector. Workshop tickets can be purchased for \$5 at miSci's guest services desk each Saturday with general admission to the museum.

Eclipse glasses are available for purchase online and in miSci's gift shop. miSci's eclipse glasses meet standards for direct solar viewing during the eclipse. **In our immediate area the Sun will not be totally covered during the upcoming eclipse.** As a result, directly viewing the Sun during the event may result in eye damage without adequate protection.

To learn more visit www.miSci.org/eclipse

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