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Kerrville prepares for total solar eclipse in April 2024; Vendor applications open through Feb. 23

Kerrville, Texas (Feb. 6, 2024) – With the 2023 annular solar eclipse in the rearview, the City of Kerrville is now gearing up for the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse. In less than three months, the city and neighboring Hill Country will welcome a large number of guests to observe this extraordinary natural phenomenon. The City of Kerrville, Kerr County, and other community leaders have prepared for the total solar eclipse for over two years.

There are just 13 states in the U.S.



where the total solar eclipse will be visible. Texas will experience the most prolonged duration of total darkness, or totality, of those states and is expected to welcome the largest amount of eclipse guests of any other state in the path of totality. Kerrville specifically has been

designated as one of the top viewing locations in the country due to its predicted weather, access to I-10, and close proximity to the centerline. The centerline of the path of totality marks the greatest duration of time where the moon's disk completely blocks the sun. The exceptional length of totality, 4 minutes and 25 seconds, will make Kerrville one of the most desirable areas to view the eclipse. The Path of Totality is 100 miles wide, stretching from Junction to the northwest portion of San Antonio.

"The city will be issuing information on how to prepare for the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse," Parks and Recreation Tourism and Event Coordinator Rain Thoresen said. "While it is important to be prepared, we also want the community to be excited. A total solar eclipse is a rare sight to witness, and we are lucky to be able to experience it in our own backyards. The 2024 total solar eclipse will allow a rare opportunity to show off our beautiful town to our guests."

To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the Kerrville Eclipse Festival in Louise Hays Park on April 8, 2024. This free event will feature live music and educational speakers and programming. NASA will join the event to broadcast the eclipse live and engage with event attendees.

Vendor applications for the event are currently open and will close on Feb. 23. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, volunteering, or vending at the Kerrville Eclipse Festival, please visit <https://kerrvilletx.gov/2042/Kerrville-Eclipse-Festival>.

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