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Observe the Partial Solar Eclipse and *Laser Taylor Swift* at the Triton College Cernan Earth and Space Center this Spring

RIVER GROVE – Marvel at the universe by observing the partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. While totality will not be visible from the Chicago area, Triton College's Cernan Earth and Space Center is hosting an event to safely observe 93% of the sun eclipsed, weather permitting.

All ages are encouraged to come view the partial solar eclipse from the Cernan Earth and Space Center on the Triton College campus. The schedule for the April 8 event follows:

- **9:30 a.m.:** The Cernan Center's Box Office and Star Store will open to sell Planetarium tickets and eclipse glasses, along with other merchandise.
- **Noon-3:30 p.m.:** Weather permitting, visitors will observe the partial solar eclipse, which will begin at **12:51 p.m. CDT** as seen from Triton College. Telescopes with full aperture solar filters and a variety of indirect viewing methods will be provided for all to enjoy. Over the next hour, more and more of the sun's bright disk will be blocked by the moon. Maximum eclipse will occur at **2:07 p.m. CDT**. After that time, the moon will appear to cover less and less of the sun's disk until "last contact" at the end of the partial phase at **3:22 p.m. CDT**.
- **ECLIPSE: *The Sun Revealed*** will be showing in the Planetarium at **11:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 12:50 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased for \$4 each for all ages.
- After maximum eclipse, *Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon Cosmic Light Show* will be presented in the Planetarium at **2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Tickets will be \$5 each.
- Throughout the afternoon enjoy music outdoors, watch livestreaming video of totality indoors, and make and take UV bracelets in the Cernan Center lobby.

View the eclipse **safely** with protection glasses that are available for purchase in the Cernan Center's Star Store. These glasses are only \$1.80 each and the center is offering quantity discounts to schools, senior centers, scouts and other groups.

***Laser Taylor Swift* is Back!**

Are you ready for it? Back by popular demand, the Cernan Earth and Space Center is also excited to announce that ***Laser Taylor Swift*** will be shown in the Planetarium from **March 25-**

29 at 3 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. the day of the show. Come out to make the Cernan Center shimmer!

Besides *Laser Taylor Swift*, other planetarium shows include:

- ***Eclipse: The Sun Revealed***
Monday-Friday, March 25-29, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, now-April 6, except March 27, 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays, now-April 6, 7 p.m.
- ***Laser Van Halen***
Saturdays in March
8:30 p.m.
- ***The Best of Pink Floyd***
Saturdays in April
8:30 p.m.

Laser show tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors (55 and over) and \$5 for children (2-17).
NOTE: Tickets can only be purchased in our gift shop the day of the show beginning at 6:30 p.m.
There are no advance ticket sales. Triton students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a valid ID.

The Triton College Cernan Earth and Space Center hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Cernan Center is closed on Sundays.

For information about Triton College's Cernan Earth and Space Center, visit <http://triton.edu/Cernan>.

For information all about solar and lunar eclipses, including interactive location maps, images, history and more, check out <http://triton.edu/Cernan/eclipse>.

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River Grove, Illinois, holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's exemplary faculty and staff work to provide high-quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 10,000 students each year. Triton College is a member of The Community Colleges of Illinois and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://triton.edu/>.