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Michigan Science Center and Ford House Invite Visitors to Experience the Solar Eclipse

Detroit, Mich., March 19, 2024 – Ford House and the Michigan Science Center are joining together to welcome visitors to witness the awe-inspiring spectacle of the solar eclipse on the grounds of the historic Ford House on Monday, April 8, 2024, between noon and 4:30 p.m.

Nestled amidst breathtaking scenery, this event promises an unforgettable experience for both seasoned astronomers and curious stargazers alike. Join us as the sun and moon converge, painting the sky in an ethereal dance of light and shadow. With an expansive property offering unobstructed views, Ford House offers a unique vantage point for this rare astronomical event.

The solar eclipse with the Michigan Science Center at Ford House isn't just a cosmological event; it's an opportunity to forge memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're a family seeking an educational adventure or a solo explorer searching for stellar beauty, this event caters to all. Immerse yourself in the ambiance of anticipation as the sky gradually darkens, and witness nature's grandeur unfold before your eyes.

The event will take place outdoors and indoors, rain or shine. Visitors can enjoy the Ford House grounds and concessions beginning at 12 p.m., with self-paced tours of the Main Residence available until 4:00 p.m. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., visitors can participate in several educational and hands-on activities with the Michigan Science Center's educators, who will be on-hand to provide details of how the eclipse unfolds as well as demonstrate how to make pin-hole projectors and sun-spotting scopes for safe viewing.

Family-friends activities include:

- Pinhole Projector Making (arts and crafts activity to safely view the eclipse)
- Kid Safety Shields for Eclipse Glasses (arts and crafts activity to shield peripheral sunlight around eclipse glasses)
- Solar Telescopes and Sunspotters (science technology to safely view the sun)
- NISENet's Build a Moon Base Camp (design-based activity with consideration of the need to support life on the moon)

"When two cultural institutions like Ford House and the Michigan Science Center come together, we can literally point the community's eyes skyward and be inspired," says Ford House President & CEO, Mark J. Heppner. "We won't have the opportunity to experience this for another twenty years. So, being able to share this moment is truly special."

"We are delighted to collaborate with the Ford House to offer a unique science learning experience for families that will undoubtedly inspire children and adults alike. This is an extremely rare astronomical event for our area." said Dr. Christian Greer, president and CEO of the Michigan Science Center. "Our

team can't wait to present the science of solar eclipses and promote safe viewing in such gorgeous surroundings!"

Mark your calendars and join Michigan Science Center and Ford House for an unforgettable celestial rendezvous on April 8, 2024, where science, history, and natural splendor converge in a momentous experience.

Tickets for this experience are on sale now for just \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, which includes a pair of solar eclipse glasses. Those looking for a fuller experience may purchase an exclusive VIP package which includes admission, a pair of solar eclipse sunglasses, a special gift from the Michigan Science Center, two wine glasses, a bottle of Heron Hill's Eclipse wine, and light bites for two guests. All of this is available for just \$50 for members of Michigan Science Center and Ford House and \$60 for non-members. Friends of Ford House and Michigan Science Center members may secure general admission tickets at no cost and will receive a discount on the VIP package.

To learn how to become a Friend of Ford House, visit www.fordhouse.org/friends, or to become a Michigan Science Center member, please visit misci.org/join-support. Visitors may purchase tickets to this solar eclipse experience at www.fordhouse.org/solareclipse.

Please note that availability is limited and tickets for this unique opportunity will sell rapidly.

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