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Eclipse: Dance of Shadow and Light

The Merrillville Community Planetarium presents Eclipse: Dance of Shadow and Light, a public program beginning on July 7 and continuing through July 22. The show will be presented on Friday, July 7, 14, and 21, and Saturday, July 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. Additional showings may be added if needed. The planetarium opens for seating 30 minutes before the show begins. No one will be admitted after the program starts. Programs last from 60 to 90 minutes.

On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will be visible over the United States. This is the first total solar eclipse over the 48 contiguous states since 1979. From Northwest Indiana, just under 90% of the sun will be covered by the moon. Learn about eclipses and how to safely observe this rare event. The planetarium's Gift Shop will be open and, weather permitting, an outdoor observing session will be offered following the program.

Admission to public programs is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Seating is limited and should be reserved by calling (219) 650-5486 or visiting the planetarium's web site at **www.mcpstars.org**. Tickets are sold at the door. Groups may arrange for a private show by calling the planetarium at (219) 650-5486.

This is our last public program for the 2016-2017 school year. Our next public show will be in October 2017. For more information about the planetarium, visit **www.mcpstars.org**. The planetarium is located in Clifford Pierce Middle School at 199 East 70th Avenue in Merrillville, Indiana. Please park and enter on the west side of the building.