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**Explora's week-long Celestial Celebration 2023
commemorating annular eclipse runs October 6 - October 14**

Albuquerque, NM—After 11 years, the stunning annular eclipse known as the Ring of Fire will decorate the skies of eight U.S. states, including New Mexico. Explora is commemorating this occasion for all New Mexicans with its week-long festivity: **Celestial Celebration**, chock full of hands-on family fun, activities, and entertainment galore leading up to the big viewing event itself on Saturday, October 14.

Starting on Friday, October 6 at 10 am, join Explora for an entire week of fun-filled eclipse and solar-themed activities in our experiment bar to prepare for the upcoming annular eclipse, free with admission. As a special treat, Explora members are invited on Sunday, October 8th from 7:30 - 10:00 am for complimentary breakfast snacks and coffee, while watching balloons soar above Albuquerque from our beautiful Rotary Pavilion. On Tuesday, October 10th, all are invited to observe the stars with us and sip hot cocoa after hours from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

On Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 - 11:00 am, Explora caps its week-long festivities with a watch-party for the Solar Eclipse of 2023. Since Albuquerque is directly in the path of the eclipse, we will surely get a wonderful view! Viewing glasses will be provided but supplies are limited. Additional glasses are available with a suggested \$2 donation, first come first served. Attendees can also screen print their own t-shirts with Explora's original Celestial Celebration Annular Eclipse graphic: available until 5:00 pm while supplies last for \$5/shirt. The event is open to the public and provides the perfect community opportunity for families, schools, and visitors alike!

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About Explora: Explora is a science center and children's museum in Albuquerque, with a mission of creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

Explora serves thousands of people of all backgrounds each year and is dedicated to improving New Mexico's educational and economic outcomes.