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**Grand Rapids Public Museum**

**Celebrate Rare Eclipse with Special**

 **Eclipse Day Party**

**Grand Rapids, MI:** The Grand Rapids Public Museum (GRPM) is hosting a special Eclipse Day Party on August 21 to celebrate the total eclipse that will span the continental United States. For those not traveling, the GRPM is hosting a special Eclipse Party complete with hands-on activities, safe eclipse viewing and more between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

On August 21, as the continental U.S. will see a total eclipse spanning from Oregon to South Carolina, with a partial eclipse taking place in Michigan.

The Eclipse Day will include hands-on solar related activity booths, multiple shows on the half hour of “Eclipses and Phases of the Moon” in the Chaffee Planetarium, and a live stream of the total eclipse will be shown in the Meijer Theater.

Hands on activities for the day will include making solar system bracelets, decorating personal eclipse shades, designing and building space craft, making eclipse projectors and more!

Activities as part of the Eclipse Party will be included with general admission to the Museum. Activities will take place outside, weather permitting. Visitors attending the Grand Rapids Maker Faire on August 19 and 20, will receive free admission to the Eclipse Day Party by wearing their event wristband! Visit grpm.org for more information.

The GRPM Eclipse Day is sponsored by WZZM13.

**Grand Rapids Maker Faire**

Maker Faire is a family-friendly celebration featuring tech enthusiasts, crafters, hobbyists, engineers, artists, and commercial exhibitors. Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, visitors will be hands-on with more than 100 maker booths and can drive robots, be a part of an iron pour, test renewable energy sources, see 3D printing and more!

The Faire will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, August 20. More information and tickets available at GrandRapids.MakerFaire.com.

**Grand Rapids Public Museum**

The Grand Rapids Public Museum is an invaluable, publicly-owned institution that is home to more than 250,000 unique artifacts that tell the history of Kent County and beyond, houses the only planetarium in the region, and is responsible for protecting the Norton Indian Mounds, a national historic landmark. The Grand Rapids Public Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, with its main location in downtown Grand Rapids, MI at 272 Pearl Street, NW. For additional information including hours of operation, admission fees and exhibit/event listings, please visit [www.grpm.org](http://www.grpm.org/).

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