

## Tentative Schedule

### Rice Eclipse Conference at the Flying L, April 6-9, 2024.

(note: registration and lodging reservations by invitation only)

All lectures will be locally streamed/recorded

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### Registration fee covers:

1. Pre-briefings at Rice and HMNS four months ahead
2. All lectures, planetarium shows, workshops and telescope observing sessions
3. Receptions Saturday, April 6, and Monday, April 8
4. A souvenir eclipse camp chair and refillable water bottle
5. Eclipse glasses and eclipse flat viewers
6. Workshop for creating eclipse filters for binoculars/ telescopes (filter material provided)
7. Workshop for making or using pinhole projection devices, UV bead bracelets or pins, solar cookers, solar concentrations, and solar cell machines.
8. Private roped-off viewing area with portapotties and water
9. Workshops on how to photograph the eclipse – one at the time of the fall annular eclipse and the other just before Totality
10. A special area for serious photographers on eclipse day.
11. All normal Flying L facilities: putt-putt, pickle ball, fishing, etc.

### **Not included** (\*pre-reserve and pay at Flying L):

1. \*Meals (note no hard liquor at the Flying L, but you can use in your lodgings)
2. \*Golf or \*horseback riding
3. \*Lodging (many types available at various pricing)
4. Binoculars (we recommend a pair for each participant as well as practice using the binoculars to observe a full moon); flashlight or headlamp
5. Proper clothing for spring in the hill country including jacket, hat and suntan lotion.

### Daily Schedule:

#### Saturday, 4/6/2024:

**12:00 – 6:00 pm:** Registration in the "Legends" Room. Give out packets: name badges, water bottle, camp chairs, eclipse glasses and eclipse flat viewers. Sign up for show times in the planetarium.

**Saturday afternoon** at leisure enjoying facility or shopping in town. \*(golf or horseback riding by pre-reservation).

**2:00 – 6:00 pm:** Planetarium shows on the half hour in Conference Room. Pick up free tickets in Legends Lounge.

**6:00 – 8:00 pm:** Reception with light bites, beer/wine (outdoors in bar area).(\*Branding Iron Grill will be open for food) Red gel work station to modify flashlights to be used during telescope observing and totality;

**8:00 – 11:00 pm:** Telescopes set up for sky observing near Pilots's Lounge. Celestial objects range from planets to deep space wonders seen in color. Use red flashlights only near telescopes (Water / bathrooms / chairs at Pilots lounge for relaxing and mixing). Late registration in Legends Lounge

**8:00 – 11:00 pm:** Planetarium shows on the half hour in Conference Room. Pick up free tickets in Legends Lounge.

**Sunday, 4/7/2024:**

**7:00 – 9:30 am** \*Buffet Breakfast at lodge or cook your own in your room.

**9:30 am:** Welcome lecture in the Conference Room including eclipse viewing and safety (Reiff) (streamed also to Legends for those not able to climb stairs) - Reiff

**10:30 – 11:30 am:** Workshop in the Conference Room on preparing for totality, including making pinhole viewers, projecting solar images, viewing through telescopes, finding planets during totality, etc. (also streamed to Legends) - Sumners

**11:30 am –1:00 pm:** Equipment preparation workshop for binoculars, telescopes, etc. help with equipment (taping filters to binoculars, adjusting cameras, etc): Pilot's lounge: Sumners/Young

**11:30 am –1:00 pm:** \*No host Lunch (in town, at lodge, or in rooms)

**1:00 – 2:00 pm:** Practice session at eclipse site (near Pilot's lounge) (note - totality will be 1:31:55 - 1:35:55 pm) – find your location and test your equipment a day ahead! A PA system will announce the eclipse phases for practice.

**2:00 – 6:00 pm:** Planetarium shows on the half hour in Conference Room. Pick up free tickets in Legends Lounge.

(\*horseback riding or \*golf by pre-reservation; or free putt-putt, tennis, fishing etc as desired)

**6:00 – 8:30 pm:** \*Chuck wagon supper / music at Ghost Town

**9:00 – 11:00 pm:** Telescopes set up for sky observing (near Pilots's Lounge). (Water / bathrooms / chairs at Pilots lounge for relaxing and mixing). Use red flashlights only near telescopes. Late registration in Pilot's Lounge

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**Monday, 4/7/2024: ECLIPSE DAY**

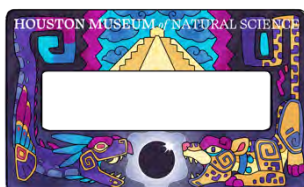
**7:00 – 9:30 am:** \*Buffet Breakfast at lodge or cook your own

**9:00 am:** Eclipse lecture in Legends (repeat of Saturday for new arrivals or mobility impaired), (you can bring your breakfast in.)

**9:00 – 11:30 am:** – Final Eclipse and sky briefing in Conference Room (participants can come and go)

**10:30 – 11:30 am:** Final help session with equipment (especially telescopes, cameras, tripods) Pilot lounge

**11:30 am:** \*Pick up pre-reserved lunch boxes at lodge or \*lunch in room (**no service after 12:30 pm**)



**FIND YOUR GLASSES AND VIEWING CARDS. THE ECLIPSE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**

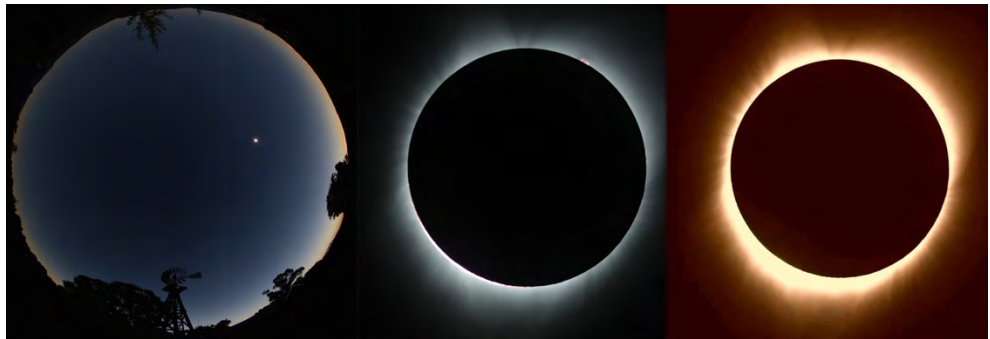




**12:10 pm: Eclipse begins (FIRST CONTACT 12:14:15)** Proceed to your observing spot from yesterday's practice. PA will call out eclipse stages.

**1:00 – 2:00 pm: REMAIN IN YOUR LOCATION.** NO DRIVING AFTER 1:00 PM. RED FLASHLIGHTS ONLY! It will get dark, even if cloudy! Photographers with tripods may use protected area.

**1:31:55 – 1:35:55: TOTALITY** Watch for shadow bands and diamond ring before and after; only during totality can you take off your filters and use unfiltered binoculars and telescopes.



**1:36 pm:** Stay for the partial phases if you choose. Do not disturb those who are still watching or photographing.

**2:55:15 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> contact (end of eclipse)**

**2:00 – 5:00 pm:** Bring images and video that you want to share to Legends for transfer to a web site shared by all participants. Images will be transferred to a projected image for those to see during the afternoon.

**3:00 – 5:00 pm:** Reception (Main Lodge) - photos added to projection throughout the afternoon and evening.

**5:00 – 7:00 pm:** Dinner on your own

**7:00 – 8:30 pm:** Summary of the day and looking forward, including images/video in conference room and Legends

**9:00 – 11:00 pm:** Planetarium shows in the Conference room. Pick up free tickets in Legends.

**9:00 – 11:00 pm:** Telescope observing near Pilots' Lounge. Use red flashlights only near telescopes

## Tuesday, 4/8/2024

**7:00 – 9:30 am** \*Buffet Breakfast at lodge or cook in your room

**10:00 am:** Checkout time (but can still enjoy the premises and the town)