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http://go.nasa.gov/HelioBigYear/

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# ECLIPSE CONTROLLED STRONGHTHE EYES OF NASA

# Safety First!



NASA Promoted safe eclipse viewing through distribution of glasses to partner organizations, creation of a safety flyer in partnership with NOAA, NSF, and the American Astronomical Society, Public Safety Announcements by celebrities, and modeling safe viewing by our Heliophysics leadership.



### Public Engagement

- 11 Million views of broadcast in English; 2.1 million views of the Spanish broadcast
- International Balloon Fiesta event,
- Balloon Museum (NOAA led)
- River Festival in Kerrville Texas
- Boulder Colorado (NOAA and NSF)
- Grand Basin National Park
- Mesa Verde National Park



Heliophysics Education Activation Team (NASA HEAT)



Eclipse Ambassadors



Navigating the Path of Totality



The Eclipse Soundscapes Citizen

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**Science Through Shadows** 

### Eclipse-Focused NASA Science Activation Projects

https://science.nasa.gov/learners/science-activation-teams

# NASA Prior traine service the Total Solar Eclipse

Safety **Broadening Particip** Science Public Engagement **Science Activation** Citizen Science



### **ECLIPSE SOUNDING ROCKETS**

Three instrumented rockets are launching during both the annular and total solar eclipses.

#### Launch Sequence

- Rocket 1: launching ~35 minutes before peak eclipse
- Rocket 2: launching at peak eclipse
- Rocket 3: launching ~35 minutes after peak eclipse

#### **Objectives**

- Explore how the eclipse shadow promotes irregularities in the ionosphere
- Understand how the ionosphere responds to local changes in density, temperature, and conductivity
- Assess how lower atmosphere cooling due to the eclipse impacts ionospheric dynamics

### SOLAR ECLIPSE SCIENCE

#### Eclipse Chasing with NASA's High-Altitude Research Planes

- Planes will take observations with a camera that images in infrared and visible light at high resolution and high speed.
- They will study a dust ring around the Sun and search for asteroids that may orbit near the Sun.

#### Airborne Imaging and Spectroscopic Observations of the Corona

 NASA's WB-57s will fly cameras and spectrometers, yielding insight into the constant stream of particles emitted by the Sun.

#### https://go.nasa.gov/3JnKx9q

#### 'Listening Party' for Amateur Radio Operators

Will record how strong and far radio signals go to observe how the ionosphere changes during the eclipse. Past experiments have shown that these changes, due to solar eclipses, have significant impacts on how radio waves travel.

#### Solar Radiation's Effects on Earth's Upper Atmosphere Layer

Will use three SuperDARN radars to study the ionosphere during the eclipse and compare the measurements to answer questions about how the ionosphere reacts to a solar eclipse.

### Bringing the Sun's Magnetic 'Hot Spots' Into Sharper Focus

Will use the 34-meter Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope to distinguish light signals coming from one portion of solar active regions versus another. This measures changes to the radio emissions from active regions.

# **Solar Eclipse Updates**





## How to Get Involved

- Scientists at NASA can contact their center lead and join the NASA Eclipse Collective Team.
- Scientists involved with NASA missions can work with the mission to do outreach around the mission during the eclipse.
- Help spread eclipse safety & Heliophysics Big Year messages by collaborating with a university on events they have planned.
- Host an eclipse-viewing event
  - Collaborate with local museums or national and local parks
  - Show NASA TV Broadcast
  - Explore additional STEM Activities, Speakers, etc.
  - Participate in a Citizen Science project