

Upcoming eclipse this August means being prepared

Eclipse 2017 means area residents need to be ready, advises the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT): Arrive early; stay put; leave late.

Oregon will be the first state where you can view the total solar eclipse crossing America Monday, Aug. 21.

For about two and half hours, daytime will gradually yield to dusk — and to darkness for about two minutes — as the moon passes in front of the sun.

Given the location of this summer's eclipse within the continent, experts are predicting the largest human migration within a single day in the history of the planet as spectators travel to view the event.

ODOT is planning ahead to keep Oregon moving, and encourage residents to do the same.

An estimated 1 million visitors are coming to Oregon to view this celestial spectacle. That many people — about a quarter of the state's entire population — will have a huge impact on highways, gasoline supplies and other basic needs.

What you do to plan ahead will make or break your eclipse-viewing experience.

• Expect delays:

Traffic backups are inevitable. Preparation ensures a good time for visitors and residents alike.

• Expect traffic changes:

Normal travel paths may be disrupted. Communities may close streets to through traffic or ban left or right turns to

keep traffic moving, especially around venues with many visitors.

• Be prepared:

If traveling, plan for your basic needs such as food, water, gas for the car and bathroom breaks in case you're stuck in traffic. If friends or family are coming to visit, warn them to "Drive Healthy:"

Arrive early, stay put during the eclipse and leave late afterwards, in case everyone else jumps on our highways all at once.

Remember: all travelers have a shared responsibility to stay safe.

• Stock up early:

Food, prescription medications, water and gasoline may be hard to obtain if you don't get them early. You'll be ready and stores can restock for our visitors.

• Do what you can to help:

Can you work from home or flex your work schedule when your local roads are full? Avoid roads being used to get people in or out of a local event. Ride your bicycle when possible, to avoid congestion.

• Look out for each other:

This is a rare opportunity but it brings potential hazards. We all must do our part to be prepared. You may see travelers unfamiliar with the area.

Be friendly, helpful and patient.

For more information on the eclipse, visit traveloregon.com/trip-ideas/oregon-stories/eclipse/ or eclipse2017.nasa.gov.



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Little league players from throughout the region will participate in three days of baseball at Miller Park this weekend.

Baseball from 1C

Saturday's opening ceremonies will include a fire truck

and crew from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, who will raise the flag on the ladder truck as the National Anthem is played just before 8 a.m. In addition, the

snack shack will be open and serving items from the grill, as well as snacks and cold drinks.

Admission to the tournament is free to spectators all weekend.

Games on Saturday will be played from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with Sunday's game schedule running from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. as well.



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Siuslaw's leading scorer last season, Trent Reavis, will be among those representing the Vikings during this weekend's three-day Oregon Dunes Basketball Tournament at Siuslaw High School, June 16-18. Games begin Friday at noon.

Tourney from 1C

I played for the Vikings," Perry said. "I want our players to have that same feeling."

Perry said there was also a second reason for wanting to re-establish the tradition of a summer basketball tournament at Siuslaw.

"I'm also hoping that

younger kids in the community will be able to come watch basketball and get excited about the sport," he said, which is why anyone age 18 and younger can come watch the three-day tournament for free.

A big part of making that happen was the financial sponsorship provided by the Siuslaw Boosters Club.

"We would have had a very

difficult time making this happen without the Boosters," said Perry, who joined forces with Siuslaw cheerleaders' coach Diane Conlee, whose team members are helping run the tournament along with other volunteers.

The tournament kicks off Friday with Siuslaw taking on Far West League rival North Bend at noon. Other games will

be played throughout the day, including games at 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., when Siuslaw plays another FWL rival, Marshfield.

Elmira will take on Coquille in the final game of the night, at 8:15 p.m.

On Saturday, games begin at 9 a.m., with Harrisburg facing Pacific, and continue every 45 minutes. Siuslaw will have two games on Saturday, at noon against Sisters and at 6:45 p.m. against North Eugene.

Sunday, games continue at 9:45 a.m., with Waldport battling Eddyville. Pacific plays Siuslaw at 1:45 p.m., with the Viks hosting North Bend for a re-match at 5:15 p.m. for the final game of the tournament.

Admission for ages 19 and older is \$3 per day, with an average of 20 games a day being played between varsity and JV teams.

For those seeking a basketball fix following the close of the NBA championships Monday night, this weekend Siuslaw High School will be the place to get it.

SCORES & STANDINGS

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Florence Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoon Pairs Session June 8, 2017
Scores after 5 rounds Average: 25.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank	MPs	
6	63.0	31.5	A 1	0.60(A)	G. Farman - J. Reischer
2	54.0	27.0	A 2	0.42(A)	J. Weatherwax - J. Smith
1	50.0	25.0	B 1	0.32(B)	A. Hendershot - B. Rozaire-Brown
4	48.0	24.0	C 2	0.22(B)	D. Gustafson - M. Weiss
5	46.0	23.0	C		L. Little - K. Hampsten
3	39.0	19.5	B		D. MacNeil - K. Klindtworth

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Sat-Sun 6/17-6/18
9am-3pm

1620 26th St.,
No Early's!

Fri./Sat., 6/16-6/17
9am-2:30pm

1481 Maple St.,
Queen size bed w/dresser, misc. items, too many to list.

Fri./Sat 6/16-6/17
9am-3pm

1522 Myrtle Loop (off 35th St)
household, yard & garage items.

Fri./Sat., 6/16-6/17
9am-3pm

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Fri-Sat 6/16-6/18
9am-5pm

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Fri.-Sat., 6/16-6/17

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(South of Bridge)

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