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## Solar Viewing and Nighttime Stargazing Event

*Sedona, Ariz.* – On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the public is encouraged to attend an event of astronomical proportions! From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., telescopes will be set up providing an opportunity for visitors to experience solar gazing. Then, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the theater, Astronomers of Verde Valley deliver a presentation on astronomy. Finally, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., telescopes will be available for stargazing.

Telescopes are provided from the Astronomers of Verde Valley however visitors are asked to bring a flashlight and dress weather-appropriate.

These events take place at the Red Rock Ranger Station, one mile south of The Village of Oak Creek.

This event is free to the public and is a combined effort from the USDA Forest Service, Arizona Natural History Association, and Friends of the Forest Sedona. For more information, please contact Candice Mark at (928) 203-2900 or go to [redrockcountry.org](http://redrockcountry.org).

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