



## Celebrate the (Partial) Solar Eclipse

### WATCH THE ECLIPSE

Deering Estate  
Mon., Aug. 21  
1pm-4pm  
Free with admission  
(\$12 adults, \$7 children  
4-14, free for Deering  
Estate Foundation  
members)  
[deeringestate.org](http://deeringestate.org)

**O**n August 21, a total solar eclipse – in which the moon completely covers the sun – will sweep the entire United States. While South Florida is not in the path of totality, we will experience a partial eclipse, covering the sun about 80 percent. (The closest big city near the path of the total eclipse is Charleston, South Carolina, an 8.5-hour drive from Miami. The towns of McClellanville, 40 miles north, and Santee, an hour northwest, are right on the centerline.)

The Southern Cross Astronomical Society (SCAS), one of the oldest amateur astronomical societies in the Western Hemisphere, will be on hand at the Deering Estate for a watch party. “SCAS Astros will have hi-tech solarscopes arranged at the shore and explain how the Moon passes across the solar surface,” says Barb Yager, SCAS spokesperson. It’s also the first day of school, she says, and she suggests creating a large puddle of water on a solid surface so students and others can view the partial eclipse safely. “Never look directly at the sun unless it is covered by dense haze or fog during sunrise or sunset,” she adds. “Sunglasses are not safe.”

Wherever you choose to watch – safely! – whip up these quick Solar Eclipse Moon Pies. They’re best to make right before serving.

### SOLAR ECLIPSE MOON PIES

- 1 package Maria cookies
- 1 7-oz. jar marshmallow creme
- 6 oz. chocolate chips
- 2 oz. white chocolate chips or squares

Melt chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl in a microwave 1-2 minutes or over simmering water until almost melted. Remove from heat and stir until smooth. In another heatproof cup, melt white chocolate chips and stir until smooth. Divide cookies in half. On one half, spread with melted chocolate and set on rack. Spoon white chocolate in a small plastic bag or parchment cone, cut tip and pipe a “bite” out of the eclipse. Before serving, spoon a heaping teaspoon of Fluff on a plain cookie and top with chocolate-covered top.

