

Family Preparedness Plan for Residents in Yell County, Arkansas

With the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse rapidly approaching here is a Family Preparedness Plan for residents in **Yell County, Arkansas**:

1. Stay Informed:

- Follow official sources for updates on the eclipse, such as the Yell County Office of Emergency Management and local news and radio channels.
- Stay connected through social media and sign up for Code Red emergency alerts.
- Here is a list of some sources to follow on social media to stay up to date on local news during the event:
 - Jeff Gilkey, Yell County Judge (Facebook)
 - Yell County Office of Emergency Management (Facebook)
 - Yell County Sheriff's Department (Facebook)
 - Dardanelle Mayor- Jimmy Witt (Facebook)
 - City of Danville Arkansas (Facebook)
 - City of Ola, Arkansas (Facebook)

2. Travel and Traffic:

- Treat this event like an ice storm. If you do have to travel, plan your travel in advance, consider the expected influx of visitors to the area.
- Consider alternate or non-conventional routes not found on google or apple maps.
- Be aware of potential traffic congestion and allow extra time for your journey.
- Follow designated routes and instructions from law enforcement.

3. Supplies:

- Stock up (for at least a week) on essential supplies like food, water, medications, batteries, and cash.
- Supply shortages will not end directly after the event but will likely last for days following.
- Have a first aid kit, flashlight, and portable phone charger on hand.
- Consider any specific needs of family members, such as infants, elderly, or individuals with medical conditions.
- Have enough gas for at least a week after the event.

4. Communication:

- Establish a communication plan with your family and decide on a meeting point in case you get separated.
- Keep cell phones fully charged and have a backup power source.
- Landlines will possibly be the best option during the event due to the amount of people and lack of coverage.
- Share contact information with trusted neighbors or friends.

5. Emergency Contacts:

- Save important phone numbers, including local emergency services, on your phones.
- Keep a physical list of emergency contacts in case of power outages or phone failures.
- Yell County is equipped with smart 911. If you or a family member has a disability or special need in the event of an emergency if you are a user of smart 911, dispatch will have your medical information ready for first responders.
- To sign up for smart 911 just download the Smart911 app on the Apple and GooglePlay stores

6. Weather Awareness:

- Stay updated on the weather forecast leading up to the eclipse.
- Prepare for potential weather changes by having appropriate clothing and supplies

7. Eye Safety:

- Never look directly at the sun during the eclipse without certified solar viewing glasses.

- Purchase ISO 12312-2 compliant solar eclipse glasses from reputable vendors.
- Teach children about the importance of eye safety during the event.

8. Pet Care:

- Ensure your pets have identification tags and are kept in a safe, secure area during the eclipse.
- Stock up on pet food, water, and any necessary medications.

9. Visitors:

- If you do not want visitors on your property, make sure your property is properly marked and visible for individuals to see
- Use purple paint and use signs placed not more than 100 feet apart and at each road entrance.
- The signs shall bear the words "POSTED" and/or "NO TRESPASSING" in letters at least 4 inches high.
The signs shall be readily visible to any person approaching the property.

Remember, this preparedness plan is a general guideline. Adapt it to your family's specific needs and circumstances. Stay safe and enjoy the unique experience of the 2024 eclipse in **Yell County, Arkansas!**