# From Science Labs to Your Homes: Be Citizen Scientists during the Solar Eclipse



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## What is GLOBE Mission EARTH?



- Funded by NASA
- Get teachers and students to collect / submit GLOBE data and use NASA resources
- Provide K-12 teacher professional development (PD)
- Engage the public on GLOBE and NASA resources







# GLOBE (<a href="http://www.globe.gov">http://www.globe.gov</a>)

- International Program
- People all over the world collect data and submit the data to the GLOBE website
- Study what is happening all around the world







## Citizen Science

### An individual

- who voluntarily contributes his or her time, effort, and resources toward scientific research in collaboration with professional scientists or alone
- May not necessarily have a formal science background

My Account

- May coincide with hobby, interest, or curiosity
- Uses your mobile phone or the internet to collect and submit observations and to see results





https://scistarter.com/page/Citizen

# **Examples of Citizen Science**

Project	Description
Bee Spotter	Contribute data to a nationwide effort to collect baseline information on population status of bees in IL, IN MO, OH.
National Wildlife  Association	<u>Fun with Frogs!</u> , <u>Beauty of Birds</u> , <u>Fabulous Firefly Festivities</u> , <u>Monarch Mayhem!</u> , <u>Monarch Butterfly Journey North</u> , <u>Birds in Your Backyard</u> , <u>Be a Star Gazer</u>
Project BudBurst	Collect important climate change data based on the timing of leafing and flowering of trees and flowers (there is also a GLOBE protocol)
Globe at Night	Raise public awareness of the impact of light pollution by inviting citizen-scientists to measure & submit their night sky brightness observations. (App)
<u>SETI</u>	Uses Internet-connected computers in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). You participate by running a free program that downloads and analyzes radio telescope data.







## GLOBE Citizen Science —Become part of a team



- Use the GLOBE Cloud
   Observer App
- Submit your
   Observations on a regular basis
- http://observer.globe.gov/ about/team







## WHY - GLOBE Citizen Scientist



The cloud observations help NASA scientists understand clouds from below (the ground) and above (from space)



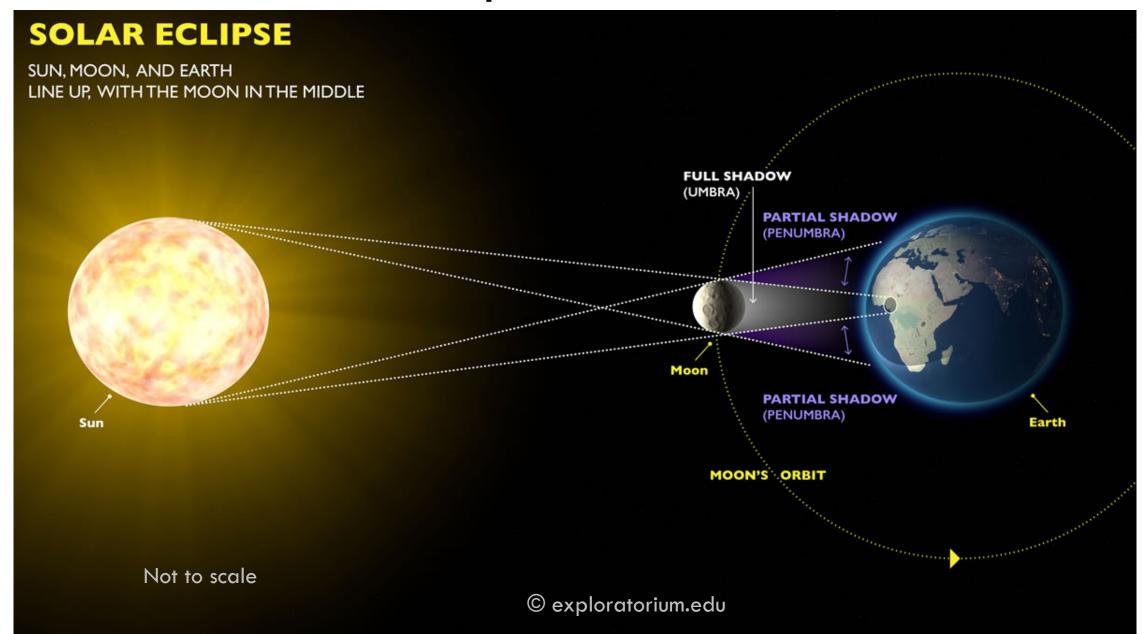








# What is a Solar Eclipse? https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/



https://youtu.be/XX7AxZhPrqU









https://eclipse2017.
 nasa.gov







## What will it look like in Toledo



https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/toledo?iso=20170821







## To Observe: Use Solar Glasses

Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up at the bright Sun. After glancing at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter — do not remove it while looking at the Sun.



Use glasses with special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" (example shown at left) or hand-held solar viewers. (To date four manufacturers have certified that their eclipse glasses and hand-held solar viewers meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products: Rainbow Symphony, American Paper Optics, Thousand Oaks Optical, and TSE 17.)





# SAFETY!!! (Handout)

- Do NOT look directly at the Sun
- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched or damaged, discard it.
- Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.
- Always supervise children using solar filters.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up at the bright Sun. After glancing at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter — do not remove it while looking at the Sun.
- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope,
   binoculars, or other optical device.
- Do not look at the Sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer.
- Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, a telescope,
   binoculars, or any other optical device.
- An alternative method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun is pinhole projection.







# Let the Training Begin!









### **Cloud Identification Chart**

THE **GLOBE** PROGRAM















**CLOUDS** 

# Kevin will be doing clouds







# When Should You Take Observations?

## In the GLOBE Observer App



Saturday, February 25, 2017

### Suomi National Polar Orbiting Partnership

Feb 25, 2017 2:29:05 AM

### Aqua

Feb 25, 2017 2:39:42 AM

#### Terra

Feb 25, 2017 12:04:26 PM

### Aqua

Feb 25, 2017 1:45:32 PM

### Suomi National Polar Orbiting Partnership

Feb 25, 2017 1:52:18 PM

### **Terra**

Feb 25, 2017 11:10:25 PM

Sunday, February 25, 2017









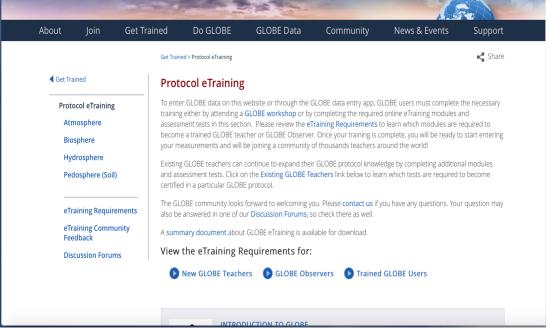






## GLOBE E TRAINING





http://www.globe.gov/get-trained

http://www.globe.gov/get-trained/protocol-etraining







# GLOBE Observer App

- Get the App
- Need to register with your email address
- Check email to accept the app

### Get the App



**GLOBE Observer** invites you to make environmental observations that complement NASA satellite observations to help scientists studying Earth and the global environment. The latest version includes GLOBE Clouds, which allows you to photograph clouds and record sky observations and compare them with NASA satellite images. GLOBE is now the major source of human observations of clouds, which provide more information than automated systems.

Future versions of GLOBE Observer will add additional tools for you to use as a citizen environmental scientist.

By using the GLOBE Observer app, you are joining the GLOBE community and contributing important scientific data to NASA and GLOBE, your local community, and students and scientists worldwide.

New and interested users are encouraged to go to http://www.globe.gov to learn more about the GLOBE program, or learn more about the GLOBE Clouds protocol. A one page summary of GLOBE Observer is available too.

Download the app:

For iOS via the App Store

For Android via Google Play

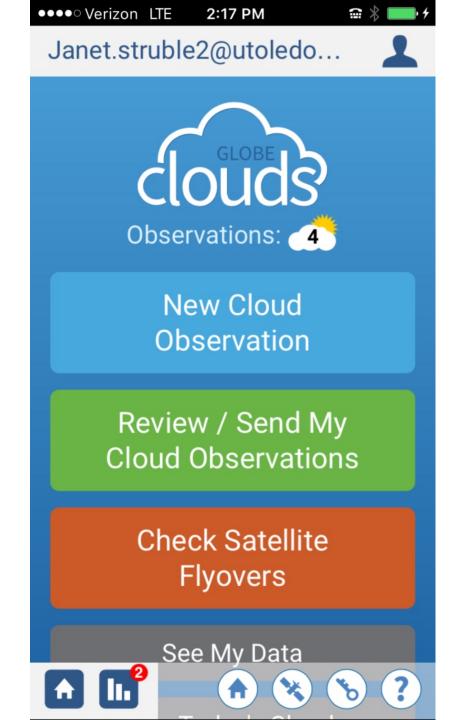














### Select Organization

Which organization are you making this measurement for?

The University Of Toledo

TrainTheTrainerSchool -Tennessee





2:18 PM

Enter the **local** date and time of the observation:



Enter location coordinates:

Latitude: 41.6601

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Longitude: -83.6130

















Is the sky Clear, Cloudy, or Obscured?

Clear (no clouds visible)

Clouds Visible (1-100% covered by clouds or contrails)

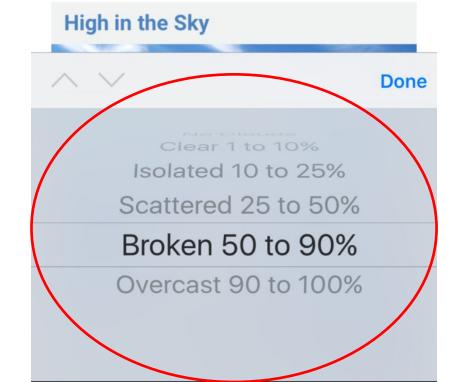
Obscured (more than 25% of the sky is not visible)



What percentage of the sky is covered by clouds?

Enter your cloud percentage▼

Click all cloud types seen:







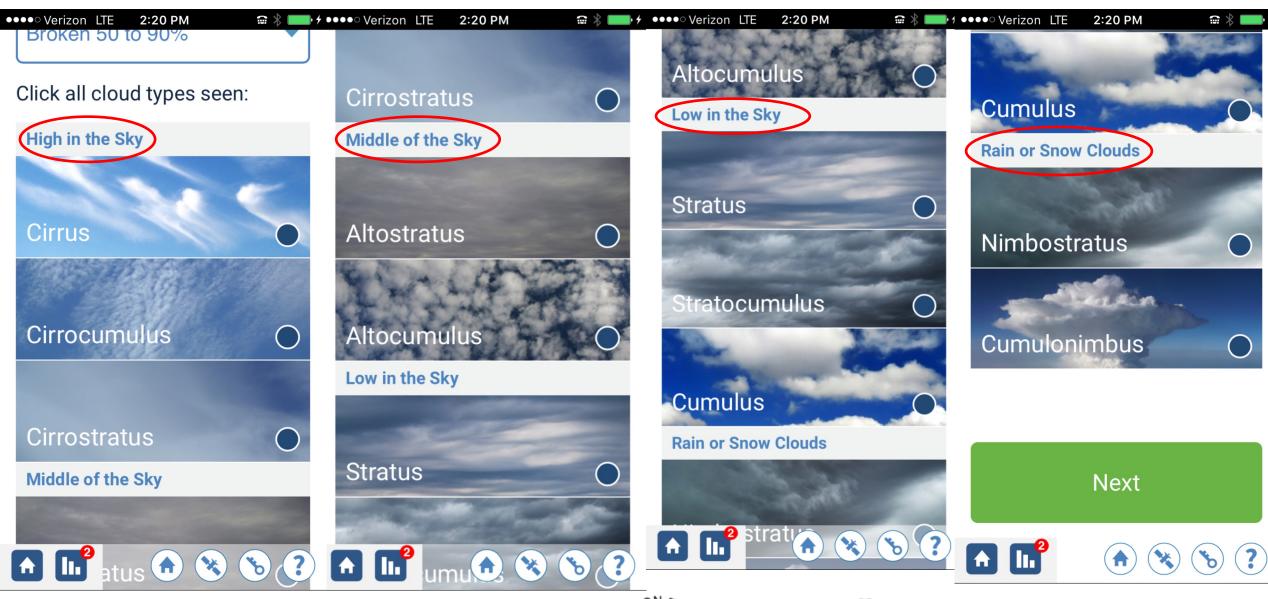


















Are there contrails in the sky?

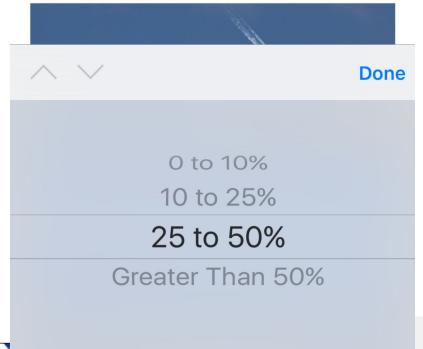
No contrails

Contrails are visible

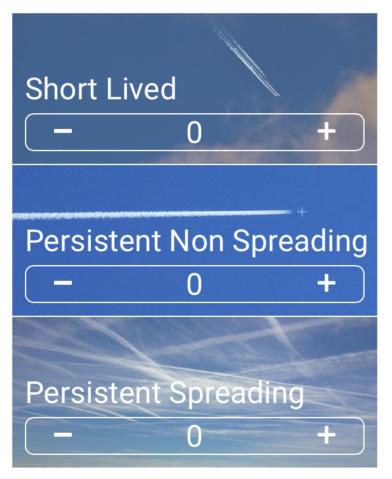
What percentage of the sky is covered by contrails?

0 to 10%

Choose the number of contrail types seen:



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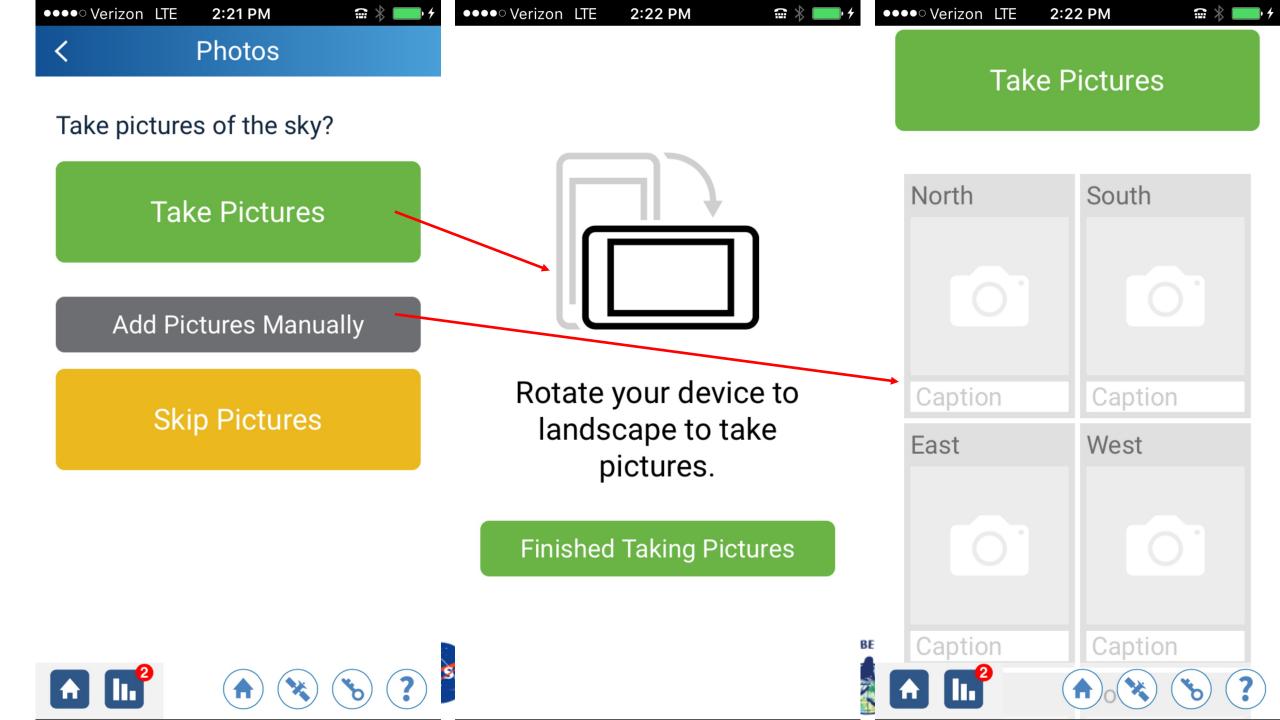












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**DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR** DATA TO **GLOBE!!!** 

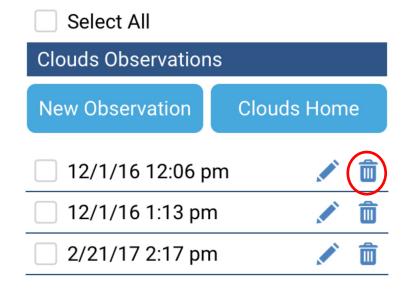
Thank you, your data has been stored successfully on your device and is ready to send to GLOBE.

Cloud App Home

Review / Send My **Cloud Observations** 

Share

### 3 observations collected



**DATA CAN BE TRASHED AND YOU CAN START OVER!!** 

See My Data























# Let's go outside

Look at the clouds

Enter the data using the GLOBE Observer App

Come back in and Share out our results!





