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Intel announces the date, time and place for the unveiling of the 8th generation Core processor family, known as Coffee Lake-- 21 August 2017, the same date as "the Great American Solar Eclipse."

"Amazing things happen when all things align," the press invitation excitedly states. Attendance is not limited to the press though, as Chipzilla will livestream the event on its Newsroom microsite and Facebook page.

Intel fails the give new information on the upcoming Coffee Lake CPUs, outside of marketing speech. As such, the announcement promises "blazing fast performance," "immersive experience" and "amazing systems designs." Such claims will be verified during the event, as Intel execs, VR creators and imaging pros should take the stage to use Coffee Lake-powered systems.

In addition, the event provides an excuse to view the solar eclipse making its way from Oregon in the West across the US.

Those curious about the 8th generation of Core processors can always check the rumour mill-- a recent leak from an obscure Chinese BBS presents a roadmap of processors and supporting motherboards shipping on Q3 2017. The first available offerings are desktop processors (Coffee Lake-S processors) and motherboards based on the Intel Z370 Expressed chipset. The chipset offers 24 PCIe 3.0 lanes, an improvement over the 8 or 12 lanes of previous generations.

The leaked roadmap also shows the release of Coffee Lake-S processors with 95W, 65W and 35W aimed at various market segments, together with a push for higher quality onboard audio through the support of Intel Smart Sound and quad-core dedicated DSP.

We will learn more about the Coffee Lake range come 21 August.

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