

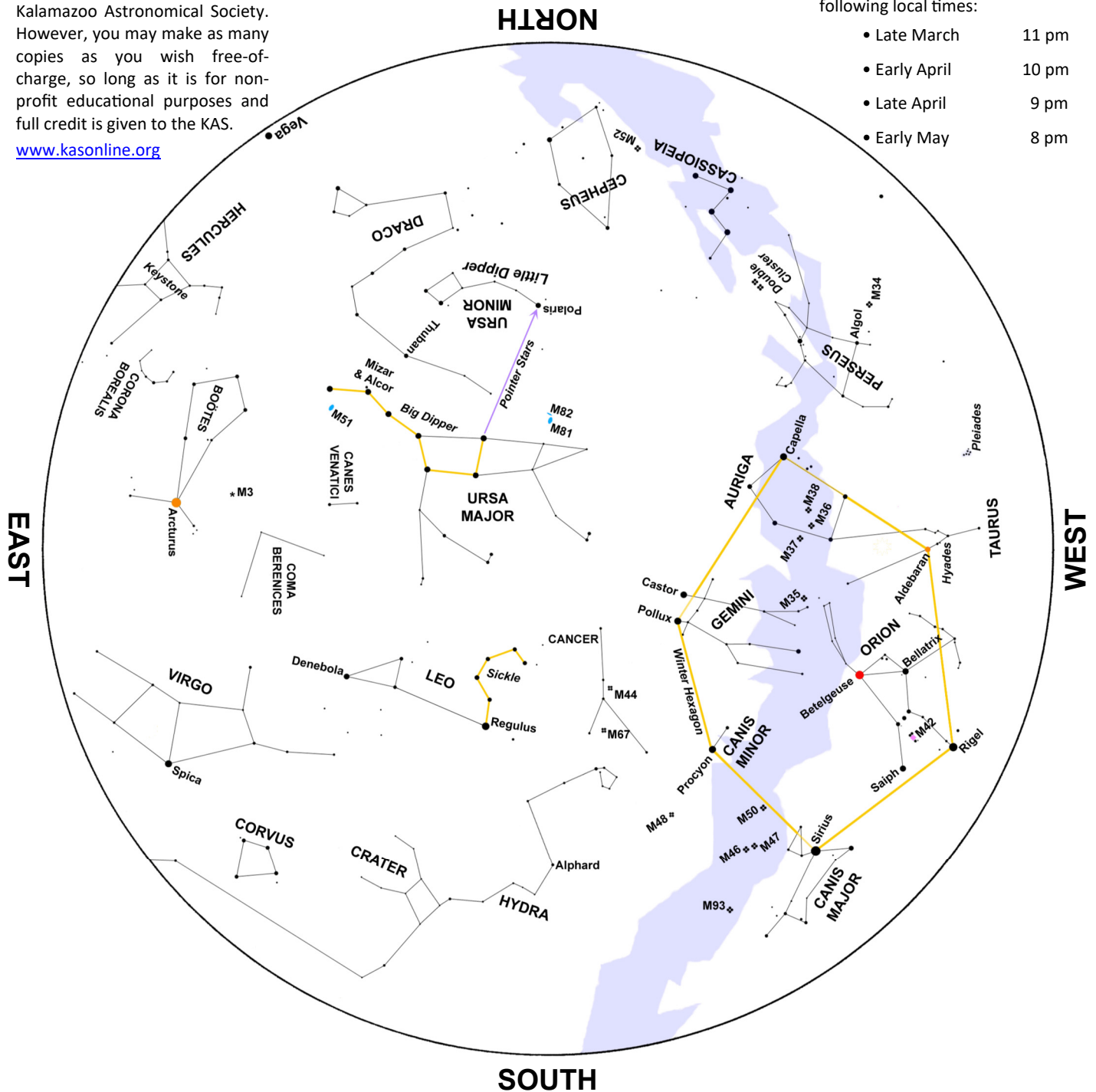
— April Night Sky —

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This map represents the sky at the following local times:

- Late March 11 pm
- Early April 10 pm
- Late April 9 pm
- Early May 8 pm



Early risers on April 2nd will enjoy Venus and a waning crescent Moon separated by only 4°. Both worlds will easily fit in the field-of-view of 7×50 binoculars. Look for Mercury about 8° to the Moon's left.

Six days later, on the evening of April 8th, a waxing crescent Moon, Aldebaran,

Mars, and the Pleiades form a diamond in Taurus, the Bull. The Moon will be 5° above Aldebaran on the next night.

A waxing gibbous Moon will be 2° above the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer on April 13th. Binoculars or a wide-field telescope will be needed to overcome the glare from the fattening Moon. The Moon

moves next door on April 14th, 5° from Leo's bright star, Regulus.

Best viewing for the Lyrid meteor shower is during the pre-dawn hours of April 22nd, but moonlight will interfere.

The Moon and Saturn will be 3° apart in Sagittarius on the morning of April 25th.