

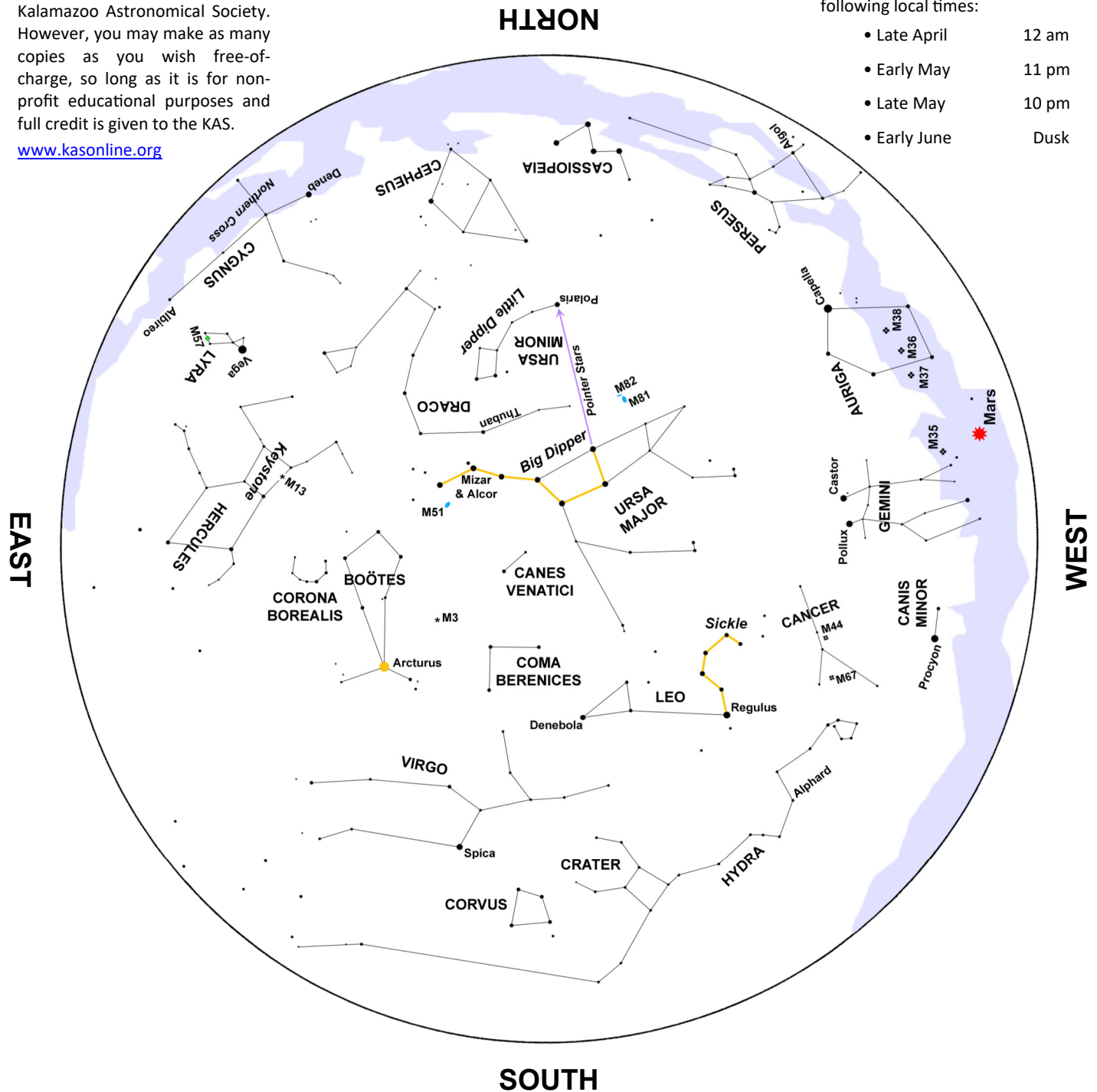
— May Night Sky —

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This map represents the sky at the following local times:

- Late April 12 am
- Early May 11 pm
- Late May 10 pm
- Early June Dusk



Look toward the east just before sunrise on May 2nd and you'll have no difficulty spotting Venus, the brilliant Morning Star. If both air and horizon are clear you might be able to spot a thin waning crescent Moon 4.5° to Venus' lower right.

The Moon, now in a thin waxing crescent

phase, moves to within 2° of Aldebaran, Taurus the Bull's orange-red eye, at dusk on May 6th.

The Moon, now one day short of first quarter, buzzes through the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer on the evening of May 10th. You'll need binoculars to spot the stars of the Beehive.

The Moon, a day past full, forms a wide triangle with planet Jupiter and supergiant star Antares, in Scorpius, on the night of May 19th - 20th. Jupiter and the Moon will come within 5° of one another on the morning of May 20th.

Asteroid 1 Ceres will be at opposition on May 28th. It's easy to spot in binoculars.