

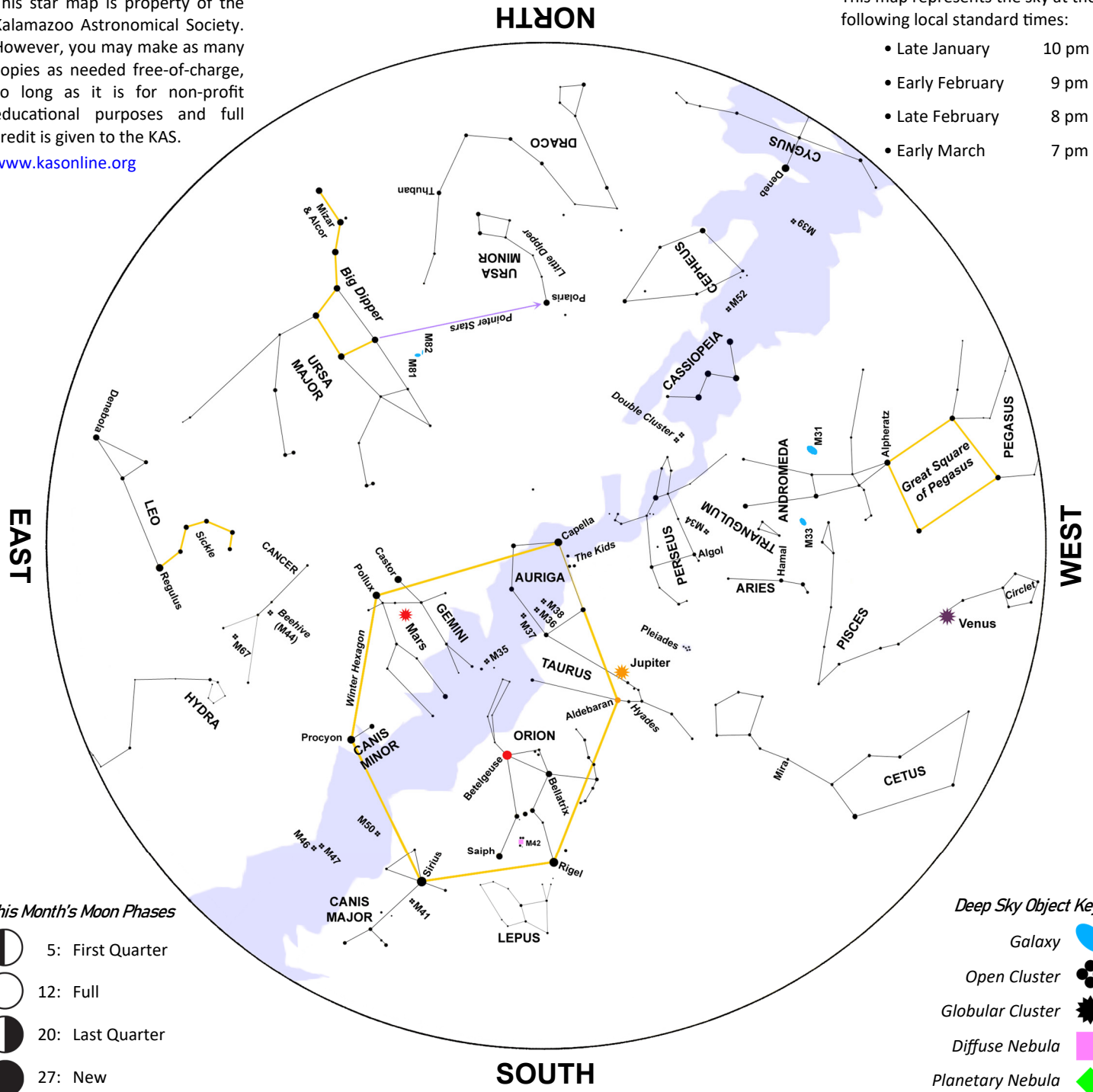
February Night Sky

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This map represents the sky at the following local standard times:






- Late January 10 pm
- Early February 9 pm
- Late February 8 pm
- Early March 7 pm



This Month's Moon Phases

-  5: First Quarter
-  12: Full
-  20: Last Quarter
-  27: New

Deep Sky Object Key

-  Galaxy
-  Open Cluster
-  Globular Cluster
-  Diffuse Nebula
-  Planetary Nebula

Grab your binoculars and point them to the west-southwest at dusk on February 1st. There, you'll find a waxing crescent Moon about 2½° to the lower left of Venus. Earthshine on the young Moon will make for a dramatic view.

The Moon, one day past first quarter, appears about 5° above Jupiter on the evening of February 6th.

Only 1½° of sky will be between the Full Moon and Regulus, the heart of Leo the Lion, when they rise in the east on the evening of February 12th.

A waning gibbous Moon appears 1° to the right of Spica, in Virgo, during the early morning hours of February 17th.

Mercury and Saturn will be less than 1½°

apart at dusk on February 24th. Look low in the west-southwest.

On February 28th, at dusk, a razor-thin waxing crescent Moon, one day past new, will be situated 3° below Mercury. Using binoculars, start from Venus and slowly work your way toward the horizon. You'll need an unobstructed view of west-southwest. The lakeshore would be ideal.