

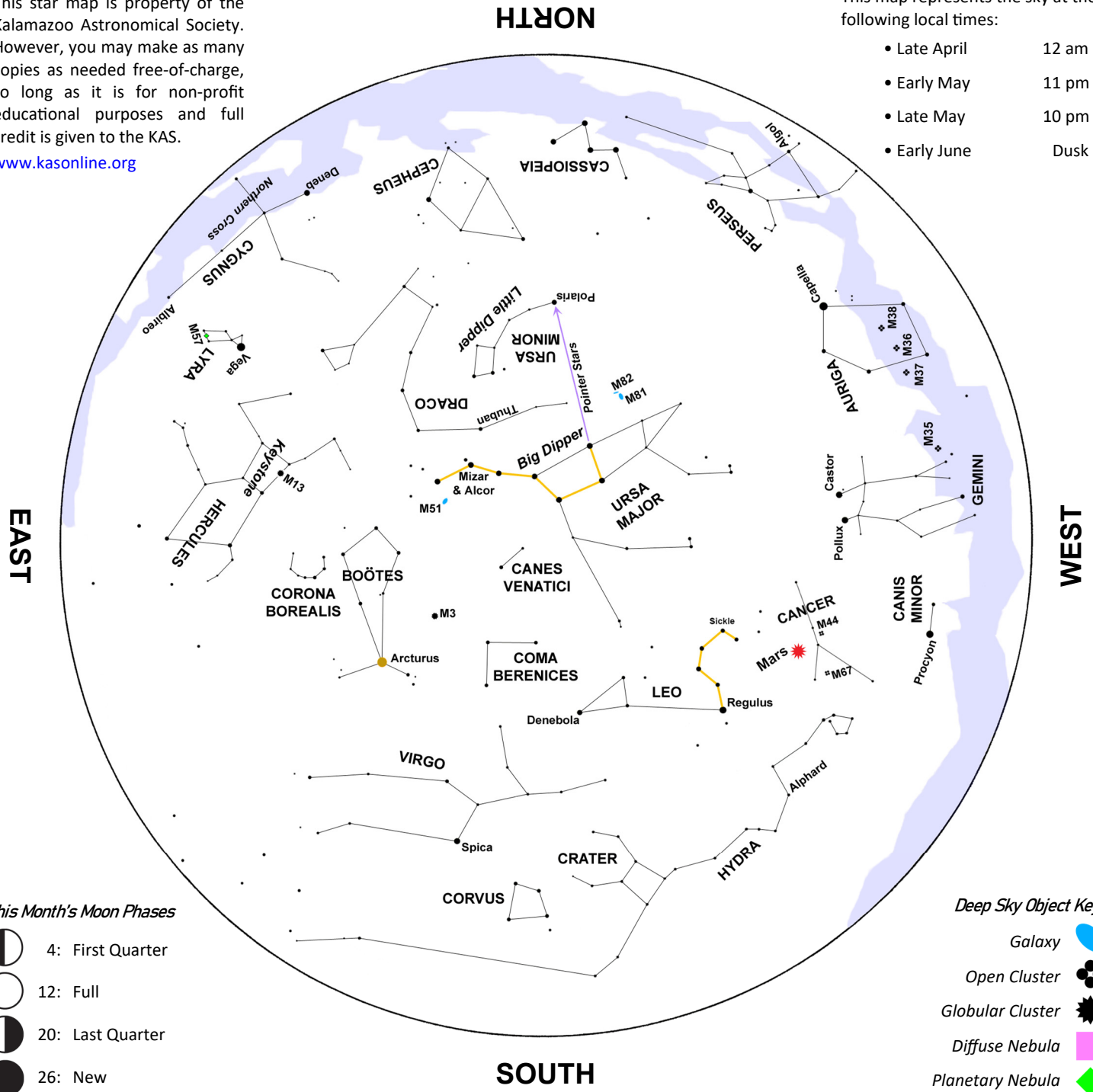
May Night Sky

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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



Early risers with a clear view of the east-southeastern horizon should look for Venus and Saturn less than 4° apart shortly before dawn on May 1st. Mercury is about 16° to Venus' lower left, but it will be very difficult to spot.

A nearly first-quarter Moon will be about $1\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ above Mars on the evening of May 3rd. If you look at the pairing with binoculars,

you'll spot a sparkling cluster of stars. It's the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer.

A waxing gibbous Moon will be about 1° below Spica, Virgo's brightest star, on the morning of May 10th. Watch them descend toward the west-southwestern horizon.

The Moon, now in a waning gibbous phase, rises 1° to the lower right of Antares in the

southeast on May 13th. Antares is the heart of the summer constellation Scorpius.

A waning crescent Moon will be a little over 4° to the upper right of Saturn starting an hour or two before sunrise on May 22nd. On the following morning, May 23rd, the Moon, Saturn, and Venus form a graceful arc. This is a sight that can only be enjoyed with the unaided eye.