

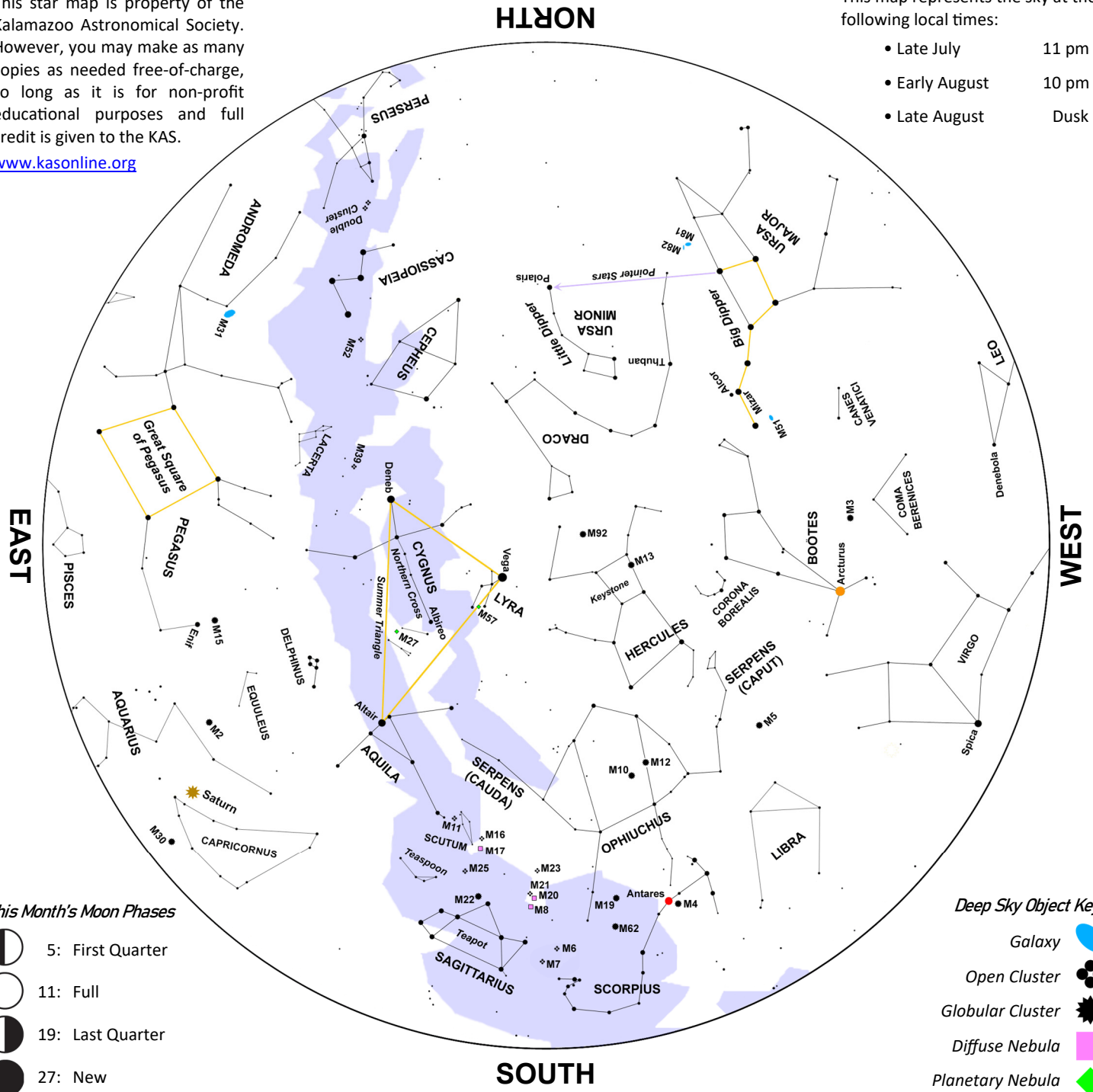
# August Night Sky

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This map represents the sky at the following local times:

- Late July 11 pm
- Early August 10 pm
- Late August Dusk



### This Month's Moon Phases

- 5: First Quarter
- 11: Full
- 19: Last Quarter
- 27: New

### Deep Sky Object Key

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

The Planet Parade continues in the morning sky in August. Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn stretch across the sky in a long line running from the east to the southeast. Uranus and Neptune are also along the line, but require optical aide.

Sadly, the Moon is full one day before the peak of the Perseid meteor shower. Luna's obnoxious glare will wash out all but the

faintest of meteors on the night of August 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. Better luck next year.

Saturn enters the evening sky on August 14<sup>th</sup> when it reaches opposition with Earth. The ringed wonder is visible all night long.

A waning gibbous Moon hangs with Jupiter on the night of August 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. They'll be 3° apart in the hours before dawn.

Venus and the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer rise together in the east-northeast before dawn on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Use binoculars to spot the cluster's members above the brilliant Morning Star.

A razor-thin waning crescent Moon hovers 6° above Venus before dawn on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Look low on the east-northeastern horizon and don't forget your binoculars!