

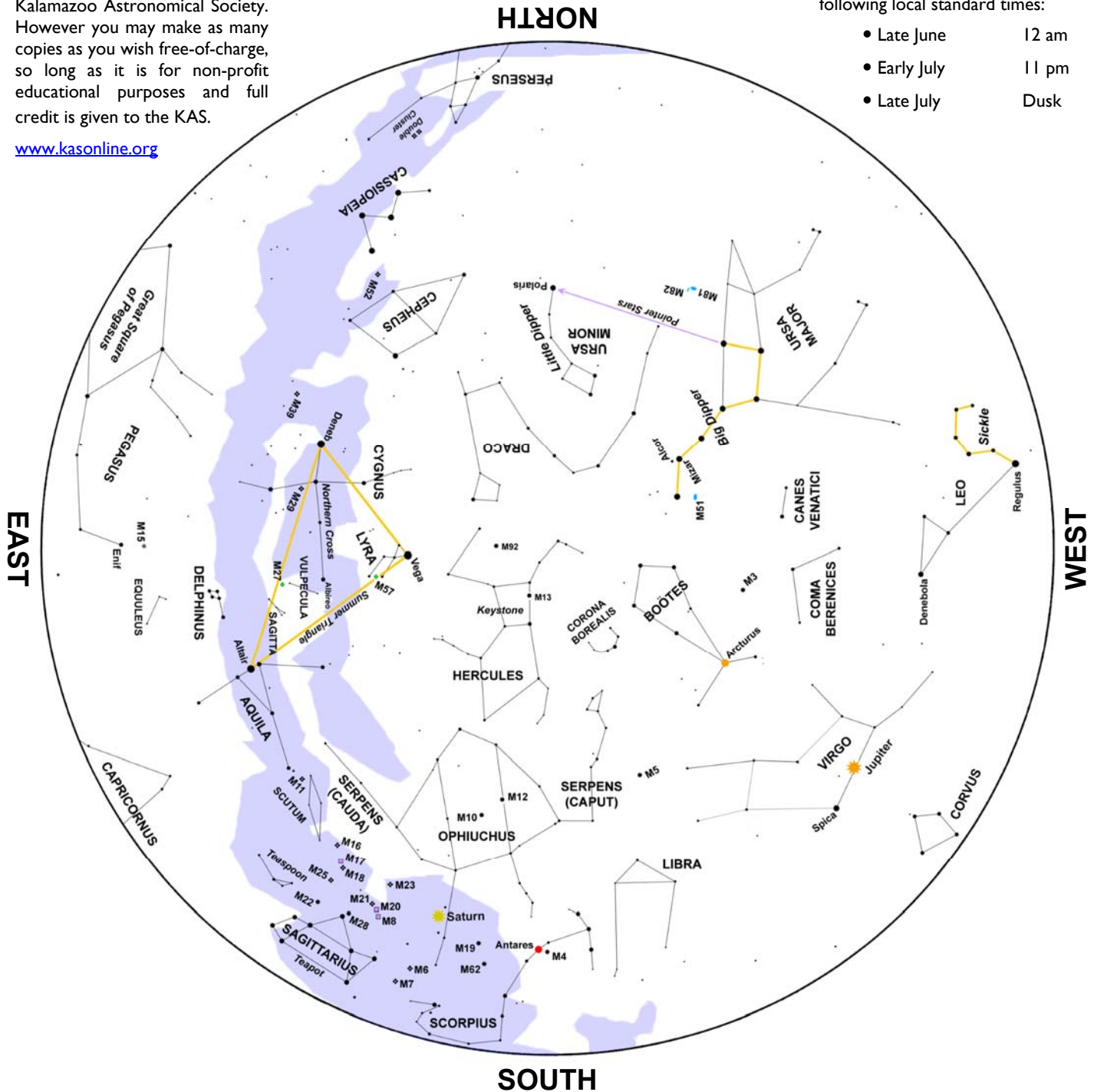
July Night Sky.....

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

- Late June 12 am
- Early July 11 pm
- Late July Dusk



Always a grand sight, a slender waning crescent Moon will be 3° to the lower right of Venus on July 20th. Look in the eastern sky starting about 2 hours before sunrise.

The evening of July 24th brings an excellent opportunity to see a razor thin waxing crescent Moon. Start your search

low in the western sky about 20 minutes after sunset. Mercury should be easy to spot almost 5° to the Moon's upper left. More challenging is Regulus, located just over 1° to Mercury's upper left. Binoculars will be of benefit, so bring them along!

Mercury and Regulus close their gap to

within 1° of one another on the evening of July 25th. The slim crescent Moon has now moved 8° to Mercury's upper left. Keep those binoculars handy!

The Moon, now an obvious crescent, passes 3° above Jupiter on July 28th. Blue-white Spica, in Virgo, twinkles about 8° to the left.