

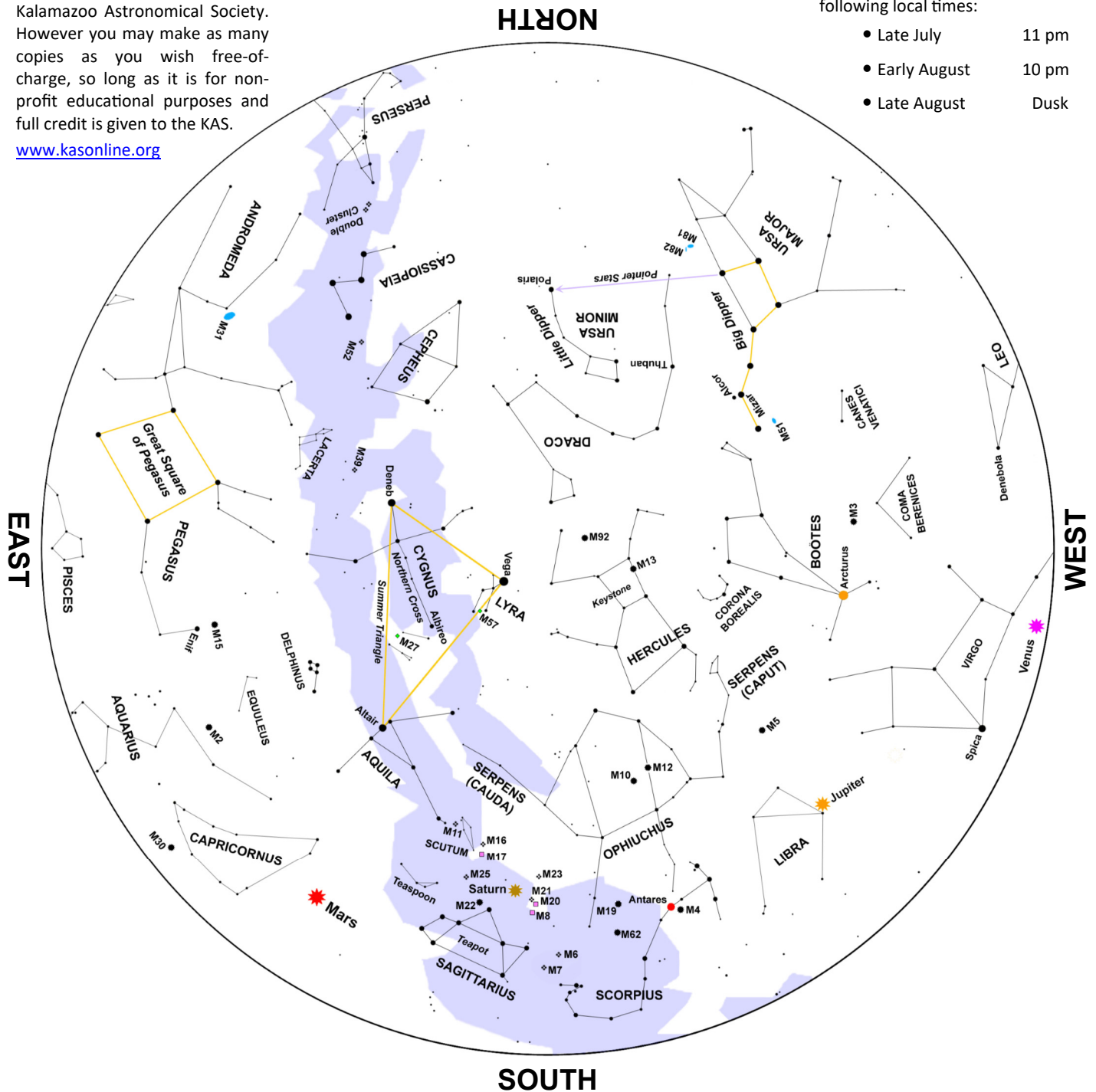
# — August Night Sky —

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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



A planetary parade will be visible in the evening sky throughout the month of August. Almost all the planets visible with the unaided eye arc low across the southern sky. Only Mercury is left out, which is at inferior conjunction on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Starting in the western sky after sunset

we find the Evening Star, Venus, which will steadily brighten throughout the month as it grows in angular diameter. Next is Jupiter which will only be  $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  above the star Zubenelgenubi in Libra on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Saturn can be found in the heart of the Milky Way above the Teapot asterism in Sagittarius. Mars starts the month at its maximum brilliancy and

rises earlier each night now that its perihelic opposition is past.

The famed Perseid meteor shower peaks on the night of August 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. At maximum, you can expect to see *at least* 50 meteors per hour. New Moon is on August 11<sup>th</sup>, so it is a great year to enjoy this shooting star spectacular!