

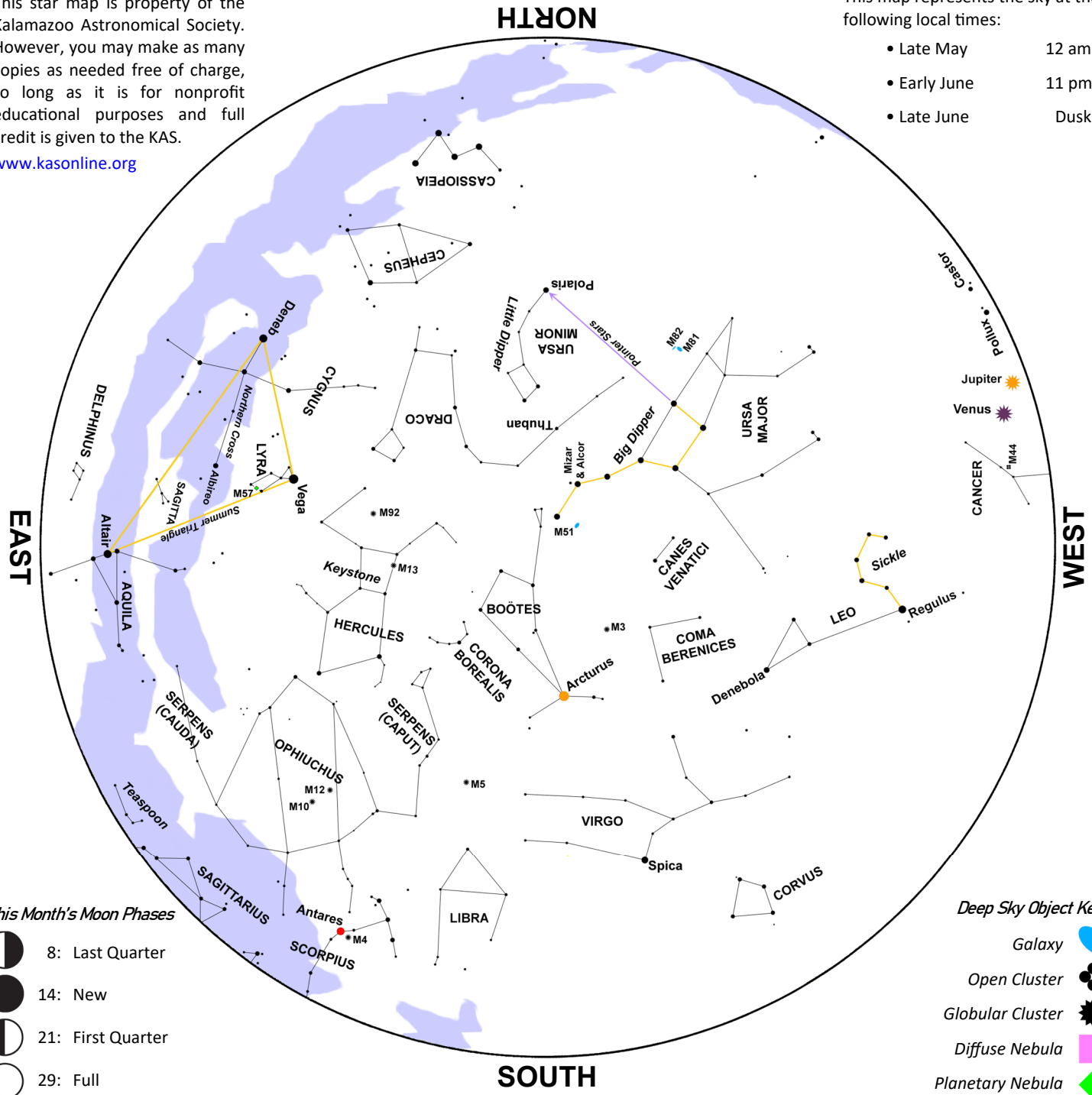
June Night Sky

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This map represents the sky at the following local times:

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



June is an exciting month for planet watchers! The two brightest planets in the night sky, Venus and Jupiter, will come together for a close conjunction at dusk on June 9th. Venus will be positioned a mere 1½° to the upper right of Jupiter.

Be sure to grab your binoculars just before dawn on June 13th to catch a glimpse of a waning crescent Moon, located 2° to the

upper right of the Pleiades, which will be low in the east-northeast. Additionally, look for ruddy Mars further to the right.

On June 16th, at dusk, direct your gaze above the west-northwestern horizon to find a waxing crescent Moon, positioned with Jupiter 4½° to the upper left and Mercury 3° to the lower left. Venus will be hard to miss, situated about 11° to the Moon's upper left.

In the west, at dusk on June 17th, the crescent Moon will partially obscure the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer. Binoculars will be necessary to see the stars of the Beehive.

To observe Jupiter alongside Mercury 3¾° to the lower right, ensure you have an unobstructed view of the west-northwest horizon at dusk on June 25th. Binoculars might be required to spot Mercury.