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RE: Perseid Meteor Shower

Get Set for a Celestial Light Show!

The Perseid Meteor shower occurs annually when the Earth passes through material left behind by comet Swift-Tuttle. As the month of August begins, you may begin to notice more shooting stars than usual streaking across the night sky appearing to come out of the constellation Perseus. The meteor shower activity will peak during the early morning hours of Monday, August 13. In the dark skies of outlying areas around Wichita or other Kansas cities, peak activity should reveal as many as 30 to 60 meteors/hour; in other words, an average of one meteor every minute or two.

For this special event, the Lake Afton Public Observatory will open its doors at 11:00 p.m. Sunday night, August 12 and will remain open until

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