

# First monthly stargazing event of year on Friday

## Sky watch

On Thursday, Jan. 12 after sunset you can spot Mars and Venus set after the Sun until they set at 9 p.m. Neptune is near Venus if you have a powerful enough scope.

Just after 1 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, you can catch a quarter moon bringing up Jupiter and the star Spica in the southeast-east until dawn.

Look southwest on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from sundown, as the waxing crescent moon brings



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The Sky's the Limit

Venus and Mars down at 10 p.m.

## Public events

Check out the Calgary chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of

Canada's first stargazing event for 2017, which takes place this Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m.

A brief indoor presentation will be followed by stargazing outside — weather permitting — through a telescope and binoculars.

All are welcome to this free event. Refreshments are provided.

Experts are on hand the second Friday of each month to explain the heavens, teach telescoping skills and

help people develop their knowledge of our sky.

For more information, contact the Trek Station at 403-485-2994 or visit the website [www.vulcantourism.com](http://www.vulcantourism.com).

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