

FREE METEOR SHOWER EVENT AT BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA

BIG CROWD EXPECTED TO SEE SHOW, WRITES MARIO CARR



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Column

Once again, the Hamilton Amateur Astronomers will open the gates at Binbrook Conservation Area to hold its annual free Perseid meteor shower public night on Friday, Aug. 9 from 8-11 p.m.

The event is taking place at 5050 Harrison Rd. in Binbrook and has always been a crowd-pleaser, drawing a record 919 visitors last year.

Although the meteor shower peaks Aug. 12 and 13, you should

be able to see a good showing on Aug. 9.

It's not always a good year to watch the annual Perseid meteor shower show. Unfortunately, this will be one of those years since the moon will wash out most of the faint meteors.

If you plan to attend, you don't need a telescope, just a lot of curiosity.

You should bring a blanket, groundsheet or lounge chair, because lying down under the summer sky is the preferred method to enjoy the cosmic show.

Even though it won't be the best year to watch meteors, you'll probably see the brighter ones, listen to a night sky tour and gaze through telescopes. Mosquitoes can be nasty at this time of year, so apply repellent, wear pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

The club will also be collecting non-perishable food or cash donations on behalf of Hamilton Food Share, and any help you can give would be appreciated.

The event may be cancelled due to poor weather conditions, so check the club's website at amateurastronomy.org before leaving home.

Here are August stargazing events, which are listed in the Hamilton Amateur Astronomers calendar.

Aug. 9: Jupiter is close to the moon in the evening sky. Mercury is at its greatest elongation and will be a great time to see the elusive planet as a morning star in the predawn sky just before twilight.

Aug. 11: Saturn close to the moon in the evening sky.

Aug. 24: The crescent moon is in the Hyades cluster in the predawn sky.

Aug. 28: The crescent moon is in the Beehive cluster at dawn.

Aug. 30: The close new moon will bring high tides.

For more information, see the Hamilton Amateur Astronomers website (amateurastronomy.org) or call 905-627-4323. The club offers a basic astronomy course for members.

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