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GREAT TIME TO SEE JUPITER 2022

HI THERE SUPER JUPERS – THIS WEEK JUPITER REACHED OPPOSITION – THIS MEANS IT'S OPPOSITE THE SUN RELATIVE TO US – AND IT'S ALSO CLOSE TO US AT ONLY 400 MILLION MILES AWAY. THIS MAKES IT GREAT FOR VIEWING IN A SMALL TELESCOPE. LEMME SHOW YOU HOW TO FIND IT!

HIT THE DARKNESS ANYTIME AFTER NINE PM THIS WEEK. IF YOU LOOK TOWARD THE EAST, YOU'LL SEE A VERY BRIGHT, NON-TWINKLING LIGHT – THAT'S JUPITER! IF YOU'VE GOT A GOOD SET OF BINOCULARS POINT THEM AT THE GAS GIANT, BUT EVEN BETTER IS A SMALL TELESCOPE. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST VIEWS OF THE PLANET YOU'RE GOING TO GET!

JUPITER IS THE LARGEST PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! IT HAS OVER SEVENTY MOONS (SOME OF WHICH WE HAVE PLANS TO EXPLORE) AND EVEN WITH ITS HUGE SIZE JUPITER ROTATES ONCE EVERY 10 EARTH HOURS. THE GASEOUS ATMOSPHERE IS FAST-MOVING AND CONTAINS STORMS WHICH ARE LARGER THAN OUR WHOLE PLANET! THE SKY IS INCREDIBLE. KEEP LOOKIN 'UP!