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BEST 2022 METEOR SHOWER DEC 14, 2022

GREETINGS METEOR MINDERS – TRACE HERE!

METEOR SHOWERS ARE LIKE NATURE'S FIREWORKS, AND NEXT WEEK'S GEMINIDS IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST OF THE YEAR – PRODUCING HUNDREDS OF METEORS EVERY NIGHT. SO LET'S HIT THE DARKNESS FOR THE SHOW!

FIND A DARK, COMFY SPOT AND LOOK NORTH AFTER 9PM – IF YOU DRAW AN IMAGINARY ARROW THROUGH THE BIG DIPPER IT WILL POINT TO CASTOR AND POLLUX, THE HEADS OF THE GEMINI TWINS – THAT'S WHERE TO LOOK! THEY'RE NAMED THE GEMINIDS FOR A REASON – ONCE YOUR EYES ADJUST YOU SHOULD START SEEING METEORS.

THE MOON RISES AROUND TEN THIRTY AND MAY MAKE VIEWING A BIT TOUGHER, BUT FORTUNATELY, THE GEMINIDS USUALLY PUT ON A GOOD SHOW FOR SEVERAL NIGHTS BEFORE AND AFTER THE PEAK.

A METEOR SHOWER OCCURS WHENEVER OUR EARTH RIDES DIRECTLY INTO A STREAM OF SPACE DEBRIS LEFT BEHIND BY A COMET. IN THIS CASE, UNUSUALLY, IT'S CAUSED BY ASTEROID 'ROCK COMET' NAMED PHAETON 3200! KEEP LOOKIN' UP!