



JANUARY 2013

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<p>DECEMBER 2012</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>1</p> <p>0h = JD 2456293.833333</p> <p>9 PM ~ Earth at perihelion (91.4 million miles / 0.98 AU)</p> <p>NEW YEARS DAY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion (0.4667 AU)</p> <p>Quadrantid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 120±)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:58 PM </p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>4 AM ~ Mercury 4.7° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA, 7.6° W of Sun)</p> <p>7:12:06 AM ~ Latest sunrise of the year for Fresno</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 AM ~ Moon at max southerly declination for the year (-20.880°, geocentric)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2 AM ~ Moon at perigee (223,716 miles)</p> <p>CHINESE NEW YEAR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:44 AM </p> <p>Nearest new moon of the year (dia = 33.023 arcmin)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>CYA Star Party at Eastman Lake</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>
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<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3 AM ~ Moon at apogee (251,868 miles)</p> <p>9 PM ~ Moon at max northerly declination for the year (+20.816°, geocentric)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1 AM ~ Mars at perihelion (1.3815 AU)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Noon ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2133</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:38 PM </p> <p>Moon dia = 30.135 arcmin</p> <p>7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191) After Xmas Gadget Night</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>MOON PHASES</p> <p> New Moon</p> <p> First Quarter</p> <p> Full Moon</p> <p> Third Quarter</p>	<p>SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS</p> <p>5: 7:12 AM / 4:58 PM</p> <p>12: 7:12 AM / 5:04 PM</p> <p>19: 7:09 AM / 5:11 PM</p> <p>26: 7:05 AM / 5:19 PM</p>

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Jupiter & the four Galilean Moons by Casey Chumley

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0h = JD 2456324.833333
Daytime Capricornid-Sagittariid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 7±)

2
GROUNDHOG DAY

3 5:56 AM SUPER BOWL XLVII

4 8 AM ~ Mars 0.44° S of Neptune (conjunction in RA, 16° E of Sun)

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6 1 PM ~ Mercury 0.46° S of Neptune (conjunction in RA, 14° E of Sun)

7 4 AM ~ Moon at perigee (226,984 miles)

8 1 PM ~ Mercury 0.31° N of Mars (conjunction in RA, 15° E of Sun)
Alpha Centaurid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 6±)

9 11:20 PM
★★★★★★★★★
CYA Star Party at Eastman Lake
★★★★★★★★★

10 11:14 PM ~ Equation of time at min (sundials 14:22 minutes late)

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12 MARDI GRAS LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

13 ASH WEDNESDAY

14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

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16 1 PM ~ Mercury at eastern elongation (18.1°, evening)
6 PM ~ Mercury at perihellion (0.3075 AU)

17 12:31 PM

18 10 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,351 miles)
PRESIDENT'S DAY

19 Mercury dims to Mv 0.0

20 11 PM ~ Venus at aphelion (0.7282 AU)
Neptune at solar conjunction (0.6° below center of Sun)

21 8 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2134
Jupiter shrinks to 40 arcsec apparent dia (Mv -2.4)

22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

23 1 AM ~ Mars' winter solstice (northern hemisphere)
7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)

24 3 PM ~ Mercury 4.2° N of Mars (conjunction in RA, 11° E of Sun)

25 12:26 PM
Moon dia = 30.958 arcmin

26

27 0:05 AM ~ Venus 0.77° S of Neptune (conjunction in RA, 6° W of Sun)

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MOON PHASES
 New Moon
 First Quarter
 Full Moon
 Third Quarter

SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS
2: 7:00 AM / 5:26 PM
9: 6:53 AM / 5:34 PM
16: 6:46 AM / 5:41 PM
23: 6:37 AM / 5:48 PM

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3	4 1:53 PM 	5 3 PM ~ Moon at perigee (229,858 miles) 11 PM ~ Mercury 5.3° N of Venus (conjunction in RA, 4.7° W of Sun) Comet C/2011 L4 (PanSTARRS) 1.1 AU from Earth (Mv 0.8±)	6	7	8	9 8 PM ~ Comet C/2011 L4 (PanSTARRS) at perihelion (0.302 AU from Sun) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MESSIER MARATHON #1 at Eastman Lake ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
10 2:00 AM ~ Daylight Saving Time begins	11 12:51 PM 	12	13	14 Gamma Normid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 6±)	15	16 6 PM ~ 15 Eumonia at opposition (2.0 AU, Mv 9.6) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CYA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 8 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,221 miles)	19 10:27 AM 	20 4:02 AM ~ Vernal Equinox	21 5 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2135 Comet C/2012 F6 (Lemmon) 1.4 AU from Earth (Mv 9.4±)	22 11:26 PM ~ Mars 40 arcsec N of Uranus (conjunction in RA, 5.6° E of Sun)	23
24 PALM SUNDAY Comet C/2012 F6 (Lemmon) at perihelion (0.7 AU) 3 PM ~ Mercury at western elongation (28°) EASTER 31	25 PASSOVER begins at sunset	26	27 2:27 AM  Moon dia = 31.875 arcmin	28 10:06 AM ~ Venus at superior conjunction (1.3° below center of Sun) 10:16 AM ~ Venus 0.72° S of Uranus (conjunction in RA) Uranus at solar conjunction (0.7° below center of Sun)	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30 9 PM ~ Moon at perigee (228,339 miles) 7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)

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APRIL 2013

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 April 20
 CVA Public Star Party
 at Riverpark
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MOON PHASES New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Third Quarter	1 0h = JD 2456383.791667 7 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion (0.4667 AU) APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2 9:36 PM	3	4	5 Kappa Serpentid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 4±)	6 9 AM ~ Venus 0.70° S of Mars (conjunction in RA, 2.6° E of Sun)	
	7	8	9	10 2:35 AM	11	12	13 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MESSIER MARATHON #2 at Eastman Lake ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
14	15 \$TAX\$DAY\$☺ 2:55 AM ~ Equation of time is zero (sundials on time) 3 PM ~ Moon at apogee April Lyrid meteor shower begins (erratic fireballs)	16	17 Noon ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2136 5 PM ~ Mars at solar conjunct. Alpha Virginid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5±)	18 5:31 AM	19 2 PM ~ Mercury 2.1° S of Uranus (conjunction in RA, 19° W of Sun)	20 ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼ CVA Solar Viewing at CSUF ☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼☼ April 20–21: VINTAGE DAYS at Fresno State	
April 15–21: ASTRONOMY WEEK / April 20: ASTRONOMY DAY							
21 EARTH DAY VINTAGE DAYS ASTRONOMY WEEK	22 April Lyrid meteor shower peaks(max ZHR = 18±)	23 Pi Puppid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5–40±)	24 ADMIN. PROFESSIONAL'S DAY	25 12:57 PM Partial Lunar Eclipse (Australia, Asia, & Africa) Moon dia = 32.699 arcmin	26 ARBOR DAY	27 1 PM ~ Moon at perigee (225,092 miles) 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)	
28 1 AM ~ Saturn at opposition (dist = 8.82 AU, dia = 18.8", Mv = 0.1, ring incl. = +18.1°)	29	30	 Venus in the daytime by Fred Lusk		MARCH 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS 6: 6:37 AM / 7:26 PM 13: 6:27 AM / 7:32 PM 20: 6:18 AM / 7:38 PM 27: 6:09 AM / 7:44 PM

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MAY 2013

Summer Friday nights
observing at
The Discovery Center

May 24: Penumbral
Lunar Eclipse
Maximum eclipse at 9:11 PM;
penumbral magnitude = 0.0158.
DON'T BOTHER.

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<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Daytime Omega-Cetid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 8±)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3 PM ~ Mercury 0.44° S of Mars (conjunction in RA; 4.5° W of Sun) Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 28±)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Eta Lyrid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±) VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:28 PM </p> <p>5:48 AM ~ Lunar limb passes 2 arcmin S of Mars 11:00 AM-12:59 PM ~ Moon occults Mercury 5:25 PM ~ Annular Solar Eclipse max (Pacific Ocean) Moon dia = 29.784 arcmin</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2 PM ~ Mercury at superior conjunction and occulted by the Sun</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>12</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 AM ~ Moon at apogee (252,184 miles) 1:30 PM ~ Equation of time at minor max (sundials 3.68 minutes early)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2137</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion (0.3075 AU) Daytime May Arietid & Epsilon Arietid meteor showers peak (max ZHR = 4± each) Alpha Scorpiid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:34 PM </p>	<p>18</p> <p>2 PM ~ Moon at max total libration for 2013 (9.58°, geocentric)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Daytime Omega Cetid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 8±)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon ~ 6 Hebe at opposition (1.8 AU, Mv 9.6)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:25 PM </p> <p>9 PM ~ Mercury 1.4° N of Venus (conjunction in RA, 16° E of Sun) Moon dia = 33.264 arcmin</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 PM ~ Moon at perigee (222,680 miles)</p> <p>7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)</p>
<p>May 22-27: RIVERSIDE TELESCOPE MAKERS CONFERENCE (RTMC), http://www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org/</p>						
<p>26</p> <p>EVENING BINOCULAR OBSERVING ALERT: May 24 - May 28: Mercury, Venus, & Jupiter grouped within a 4± circle</p> <p>RTMC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3 AM ~ Mercury 2.4° N of Jupiter (conjunction in RA, 18° E of Sun) MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2 PM ~ Venus 1.0° N of Jupiter (conjunction in RA, 17° E of Sun)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>N & S Omega Scorpiid meteor showers peak (max ZHR = 5± each)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:58 AM </p>	<p>SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS</p> <p>4: 6:02 AM / 7:51 PM 11: 5:55 AM / 7:57 PM 18: 5:49 AM / 8:03 PM 25: 5:45 AM / 8:08 PM</p>

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June 23: Full Moon
 This is the largest and most southerly Full Moon of 2013.
 Diameter = 33.462 arcmin;
 Declination = -19.7°

JUNE 2013

Summer Friday nights
 observing at Downing Planetarium & The Discovery Center

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 Glacier Point Star Party
 (dates TBA)
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2							3							4	4 PM ~ Mars farthest from Earth (2.467 AU, Mv = 1.4, dia = 3.79 arcsec) 11 PM ~ Mercury dims to Mv 0.0 Mars: end of dust storm season						6	10 AM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)						7	Daytime Arietid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 54±) ★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Courtright Star Party (Friday-Sunday) ★★★★★★★★★★						8	8:56 AM ☉ ★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★★												
9	3 PM ~ Moon at max apogee for 2013 (252,585 miles) Daytime Zeta Perseid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 20±)						10	10 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2138						11							12	10 AM ~ Mercury at eastern elongation (24.3°, evening) 7:40 PM ~ Equation of time is zero (sundials on time)						13	5:39:36 AM ~ Earliest sunrise of the year for Fresno (latest sunset is June 28 at 8:22:00 PM) 7 AM ~ Venus at perihelion (0.7184 AU)						14	FLAG DAY						15	★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★★					
16	10:24 AM ☾ June Lyrid & South June Aquilid meteor showers peak (max ZHR = 3± each) FATHER'S DAY						17							18							19	9 AM ~ Jupiter at solar conjunction and occulted by the Sun						20	11 AM ~ Mercury 1.9° S of Venus (conjunction in RA, 24° E of Sun) 10:04 PM ~ Summer Solstice (solar decl = +23.436°)						21							22	7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)					
23	4 AM ~ Min 2013 Lunar perigee (221,824 miles) 30						24							25							26	Pi Cetid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 4±)						27	June Bootid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 0-100±)						28	6 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion (0.4667 AU) Daytime Beta Taurid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 10±) Tau Aquariid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 7±)						29	9:53 PM ☾ 6 AM ~ Moon at max libration east for 2013 (7.87°, geocentric) ★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Public Star Party at Millerton Lake ★★★★★★★★★★					

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No CVA meeting
this month

AUGUST 2013

Summer Friday nights
observing at Downing
Planetarium

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Glacier Point Star Party
(dates TBA)
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<p>4</p> <p>8 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2140</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:51 PM ☉</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Eta Eridanid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 6±)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Courtright Star Party (Friday-Sunday) ★★★★★★★★★</p>	<p>10</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Millerton Lake ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>11</p> <p>6 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion (0.3075 AU)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Perseid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 100±)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:56 AM ☾</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 AM ~ 7 Iris at opposition (1.2 AU, Mv 7.9)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Kappa Cygnid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>18</p> <p>7 PM ~ Moon at perigee (225,111 miles)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:45 PM ☀</p> <p>Moon dia = 32.697 arcmin</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2 PM ~ Mercury at superior conjunction (1.8° above center of Sun)</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Neptune at opposition (distance = 28.973 AU, dia = 2.31 arcsec, Mv = 7.8)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:35 AM ☾</p> <p>Gamma Doradid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5±)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,560 miles)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>2 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2141</p> <p>11 PM ~ Equation of time is zero (sundials on time)</p> <p>Alpha Aurigid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 6±)</p>

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SEPTEMBER 2013

COMET C/2012 S1 (ISON)
 This Sun-grazing comet has the potential to become a "Great Comet." It should be visible in binoculars by August or September and visible to the unaided eye by late October or early November through mid-January 2014. It will pass 0.4 AU from Earth on December 26.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 0h = JD 2456536.791667	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 ROSH HASHANAH begins at sunset	5 4:36 AM	6	7 ★★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party & Star-BQ (Eastman; details TBA) ★★★★★★★★★★	
8 GRANDPARENTS DAY	9 September Epsilon Perseid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5±) CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY	10	11	12 10:08 AM	13 YOM KIPPUR begins at sunset	14 ★★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★★	
15 10 AM ~ Moon at perigee (228,304 miles)	16	17	18	19 4:13 AM 5 PM ~ Venus 3.8° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA, 40° E of Sun) Moon dia = 31.882 arcmin	20	21 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)	
22 1:44 PM ~ Autumnal Equinox	23	24 6 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion (0.4667 AU) 7 PM ~ Mercury (Mv -0.1) 0.74° NE of Spica (Mv 1.0)	25	26 8:55 PM	27 11 AM ~ Moon at apogee (251,200 miles) 10 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2142	28	
29	30	 @ Venus Transit by Fred Lusk		AUGUST 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MOON PHASES New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Third Quarter	SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS 7: 6:35 AM / 7:18 PM 14: 6:41 AM / 7:08 PM 21: 6:46 AM / 6:57 PM 28: 6:52 AM / 6:46 PM

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OCTOBER 2013

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<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mercury dims to Mv 0.0</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Draconid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 50±)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3 AM ~ Mercury at eastern elongation (25.3°, evening)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon ~ Mercury 5.4° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA)</p> <p>4 PM ~ Moon at perigee (229,814 miles)</p> <p>Southern Taurid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5±)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:02 PM </p> <p>Delta Aurigid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 2±)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL MOON NIGHT</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>CYA Public Star Party at Riverpark</p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 AM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY (observed)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4 AM ~ Mars (Mv 1.6)</p> <p>0.94° NNE of Regulus (Mv 1.4)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:38 PM </p> <p>Penumbral Lunar Eclipse (in progress at sunset; penumbral mag = 0.765; don't bother)</p> <p>Moon dia = 30.971 arcmin</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Epsilon Geminid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)</p> <p>7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Orionid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 25±)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Leo Minorid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 2±)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2143</p> <p>7 AM ~ Moon at apogee (251,356 miles)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:40 PM </p>
<p>27</p> <p>1 AM ~ Moon at max libration north (+6.86°, geocentric) for 2013. Lunar North Pole and Mare Frigoris tipped into view.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2 PM ~ Mercury 4.1° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA; 8° E of Sun)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 PM ~ Venus at dichotomy (half phase)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p>	<p>MOON PHASES</p> <p> New Moon</p> <p> First Quarter</p> <p> Full Moon</p> <p> Third Quarter</p>	<p>SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS</p> <p>5: 6:58 AM / 6:36 PM</p> <p>12: 7:04 AM / 6:26 PM</p> <p>19: 7:11 AM / 6:17 PM</p> <p>26: 7:17 AM / 6:08 PM</p>

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3 4:50 AM 4:46 AM ~ Max of Hybrid Solar Eclipse (Africa & Atlantic Ocean) Moon dia = 32.242 arcmin 2:00 AM ~ Daylight Saving Time ends	4	5	6 1 AM ~ Moon at perigee (227,038 miles) 4 AM ~ Saturn at solar conjunction (2.1" above center of Sun)	7 4 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion (0.3075 AU)	8	9 9:57 PM ★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★★
10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 N & S Taurid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5± each) Mercury brightens to Mv 0.0	13	14	15 0:16 AM ~ Venus 6.6° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA; 50° E of Sun) 7 AM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)	16 November Iota Aurigid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 8±) 7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)
17 7:16 AM 6 PM ~ Mercury at western elongation (19.5°, morning) Leonid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 20-100±) Moon dia = 30.144 arcmin	18	19	20	21 10 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2144 10 AM ~ Comet 2P / Encke at perihelion (17° W of Sun, Mv 5.8±) Alpha Monocerotid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR=5±)	22 2 AM ~ Moon at apogee (251,911 miles)	23
24	25 11:28 AM 8 PM ~ Mercury 0.33° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA, 17.4° W of Sun)	26	27 HANUKKAH begins at sunset	28 Noon ~ Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON) at perihelion behind Sun (0.013 AU; Mv -12.7±) THANKSGIVING	29 8:41 AM - 9:55 AM ~ Moon occults Spica (44° W of Sun) November Orionid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)	30 ★★★★★★★★★★ CYA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★★

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DECEMBER 2013

Coming up in 2014
 Jan 1 ~ Pluto at solar conjunction
 Jan 2 ~ Mars at aphelion
 Jan 5 ~ Jupiter at opposition
 Jan 10 ~ Venus at inferior conjunction
 Apr 18 ~ Mars at opposition

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1 0h = JD 2456627.833333	2 4:22 PM	3	4 2 AM ~ Moon at perigee (223,743 miles)	5	6 4:42:36 AM ~ Earliest sunset of the year for Fresno Phoenicid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 0-100±) Puppis / Velid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 10±)	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY
8 Monocerotid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 2±)	9 7:12 AM 6 PM ~ Venus reaches max brilliancy (Mv -4.67)	10	11 Sigma Hydrid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)	12	13 Geminid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 120±)	14 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191) Elect officers for 2014
15 Coma Berenicid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±)	16	17 1:28 AM Moon dia = 29.575 arcmin (smallest and most northerly Full Moon of 2013; declination = +19.750)	18 5 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation number 2145	19 4 PM ~ Moon at apogee (252,432 miles) December Leo Minorid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 5±)	20 Mars brightens to Mv 1.0	21 9:11 AM ~ Winter Solstice (solar decl = -23.436°) 4 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion (0.4667 AU)
22	23 Ursid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 10±)	24 9 PM ~ Equation of time is zero (sundials on time)	25 5:48 AM December Comae Berenicid meteor shower peaks (max ZHR = 3±) CHRISTMAS	26 2 PM ~ Comet C/2012 S (ISON) closest to Earth (0.427 AU) 7 PM ~ Moon at max libration west (-7.65°, geocentric) for 2013. Crater Grimaldi tipped into view.	27 6 AM ~ Moon at max libration east for 2013 (7.87°, geocentric)	28 ★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★
29 7 PM Mars 0.65° S of Porima (Gamma Vir) 10 PM ~ Mercury at superior conjunction (1.7° below center of Sun)	30 10 PM ~ Mercury 4.6° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA, 1.4° E of Sun)	31 24h = JD 2456658.833333 NEW YEARS EVE	NOVEMBER 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		JANUARY 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
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