



JANUARY 2014

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<p>DECEMBER 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2014</p> <p>S M T W T F S</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</p>	<p>MOON PHASES</p> <p> New Moon</p> <p> First Quarter</p> <p> Full Moon</p> <p> Third Quarter</p>	<p>1 3:14 AM </p> <p>0h = JD 2456658.8333</p> <p>1 PM ~ Moon at perigee (221,782 miles)</p> <p>Pluto at solar conjunction (2.7° N of center of Sun)</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4 PM ~ Mars at aphelion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Quadrantid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 120±)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4 AM ~ Earth at perihelion (91.4 million miles/0.98 AU)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p> <p>CYA Star Party at Eastman Lake</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>5</p> <p>1 PM ~ Jupiter at opposition (dist to Earth = 4.21 AU; dia = 46.8"; Mv = -2.7)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:12.1 AM ~ Latest sunrise of the year for Fresno</p>	<p>7 7:39 PM </p> <p>2 AM ~ Mercury 6.4° S of Venus (conjunction in RA; 6° E of Sun)</p> <p>1 PM ~ Moon at max libration east for the year (7.76°)</p> <p>ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:25 AM ~ Venus at inferior conjunction (5.2' above center of Sun; dist to Earth = 0.266 AU)</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:12 AM ~ Moon at max declination north for the year (19.5°)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:52 PM </p> <p>1 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2146</p> <p>6 PM ~ Moon at apogee (252,607 miles)</p> <p>Moon dia = 29.384 arcmin (this is the smallest full moon for >±1000 years)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191) After Xmas Gadget Night</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:20 PM </p> <p>6 PM ~ Venus at perihelion</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:31 AM ~ Moon at max declination South for the year (-19.4°)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 1:38 PM </p> <p>2 AM ~ Moon at perigee (221,879 miles)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>2 AM ~ Mercury at eastern elongation (18.4°, evening)</p> <p>11 PM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)</p> <p>CHINESE NEW YEAR</p>	<p>SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS</p> <p>4: 7:12 AM / 4:56 PM</p> <p>11: 7:12 AM / 5:03 PM</p> <p>18: 7:10 AM / 5:10 PM</p> <p>25: 7:06 AM / 5:17 PM</p>

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MARCH 2014

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The Terminator
by Griffin & Kissinger

MOON PHASES

-  New Moon
-  First Quarter
-  Full Moon
-  Third Quarter

1

0h = JD 2456689.8333
 ★★★★★★
 CYA Star Party
 at Eastman Lake
 ★★★★★★

2

SUPER BOWL XLVIII
GROUNDHOG DAY

3

4:19 AM ~ Mars close to Spica
(4.6° NNE; 110° W of Sun)
 4 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion
 6 PM ~ Mercury dims
 to $M_v = 0.0$

4

4:39 AM ~ Mercury close to
Neptune (2.5° NW;
17° E of Sun)

5

8:58 AM ~ Venus close to
Pluto (4.3° N; 33° W of Sun)

6

11:22 AM



7

8

Alpha Centaurid meteor
shower peaks (ZHR = 6±)

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Centaurid II meteor shower
peaks (ZHP = 3±)

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11

12:37 AM ~ Equation of time
at minimum (sundials 14.21
minutes late)
 9 AM ~ Begin Carrington
Solar Rotation No. 2147
 9 PM ~ Moon at apogee
(252,420 miles)

12

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

13

2 PM ~ Mars grows to
10 arcsec ($M_v = -0.1$)

14

3:53 PM



7:42 PM ~ Summer begins in
Mars' northern hemisphere
 Moon dia = 29.607 arcmin
 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

15

12:25 AM ~ Mercury at
inferior conjunction (3.7° N
of center of Sun; dist to
Earth = 0.646 AU)

7:00 PM ~ CYA meeting
at CSUF (East Engr 191)

16

17

PRESIDENT'S DAY

18

19

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21

7 AM ~ Comet C/2012 X1
(Linear) at perihelion
 Dist to Sun center = 1.6 AU
 Dist to Earth = 2.0 AU
 Estm $M_v = 7.4$ (51° W of Sun)

22

9:15 AM



1 AM ~ 2 Pallas at opposition
(dist. = 1.23 AU, $M_v = 7.0$)
 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

23

Neptune at solar
conjunction (40 arcmin
S of center of Sun)

24

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27

Noon ~ Moon at perigee
(223,967 miles)

28

SUNRISE/SUNSET
for SATURDAYS

1: 7:01 AM / 5:25 PM
 8: 6:55 AM / 5:32 PM
 15: 6:47 AM / 5:40 PM
 22: 6:39 AM / 5:47 PM



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MOON PHASES


-  New Moon
-  First Quarter
-  Full Moon
-  Third Quarter




Meteor Crater
by Dr. Fred Ringwald

**SUNRISE/SUNSET
for SATURDAYS**

1:	6:30 AM / 5:54 PM
8:	6:20 AM / 6:00 PM
15:	7:10 AM / 7:07 PM
22:	7:00 AM / 7:13 PM
29:	6:49 AM / 7:19 PM

1 12:00 AM 

0h = JD 2456717.833
9 AM ~ Mars stationary, then moving retrograde
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MESSIER MARATHON #1
at Eastman Lake
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2 9 AM ~ Saturn stationary, then moving retrograde	3	4 MARDI GRAS	5 ASH WEDNESDAY	6 2 AM ~ Jupiter stationary, then moving prograde	7	8 5:27 AM  9 AM ~ Jupiter 1.9° S of Mabsuta (Eps Gem) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CVA Public Star Party at River Park ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
9 2:00 AM ~ Daylight Saving Time begins	10 7 AM ~ Venus 1.3° S of Dabih (Beta Cap), 46° W of Sun 6 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2148 11 PM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)	11 1 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,882 miles) Jupiter at greatest northern declination (+26°16'15")	12	13 11:30 PM ~ Mercury at W elongation (27.6°, morning) Gamma Normid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 6±)	14	15 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)
16 10:08 AM  7 PM ~ Equinox: equal length day & night for Fresno (= local spring) Moon dia = 30.193 arcmin	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 4 PM ~ Mercury at aphelion Jupiter shrinks to 40 arcsec Mv = -2.3	20 9:57 AM ~ Vernal Equinox	21	22 4:33 AM ~ Mercury 1.2° S of Neptune (conjunction in RA; 26° W of Sun) 12:30 PM ~ Venus at western elongation (46.6°, morning)
23  6:46 PM 10 AM ~ Venus at dichotomy = half phase 11:45 AM  30	24 31	25 2 AM ~ Mercury brightens to Mv = 0 4 PM ~ Mars 4.8° north of Spica	26	27 Noon ~ Moon at perigee (227,237 miles)	28	29 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MESSIER MARATHON #2 at Eastman Lake ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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MAY 2014

*Summer Friday nights
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4	5	6 8:15 PM	7 Daytime Omega-Cetid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 8±) Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 28±)	8 VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY	9 Eta Lyrid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	10 11 AM ~ Saturn at opposition (dist. = 8.90 AU; dia. = 18.7"; Mv = 0.1)
May 5-11: SPRING ASTRONOMY WEEK / May 10: ASTRONOMY DAY						
11 MOTHER'S DAY ASTRONOMY WEEK	12	13	14 12:16 PM 1:39 AM ~ Equation of time at maximum (sundials 3.67 minutes early) Moon dia = 31.921 arcmin	15 6 AM ~ Venus 1.3° S of Uranus (conjunction in RA; 40° W of Sun) Daytime Epsilon Arietid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 4±)	16 1:30 AM ~ Venus at aphelion Alpha Scorpiid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	17 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)
18 5 AM ~ Moon at perigee (228,107 miles)	19 2 PM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase) 6 PM ~ Mars stationary, then moving prograde 7 PM ~ Mercury dims to Mv = 0.0	20	21 5:59 AM	22 Midnight ~ Jupiter 30 arcmin S of Wasat (Delta Gem)	23	24 CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake
May 22-26: RIVERSIDE TELESCOPE MAKERS CONFERENCE (RTMC)						
25 12 AM ~ Mercury at eastern elongation (22.7°, evening) RTMC	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 11:40 AM	29 Midnight ~ Mars 2.5° S of Porrima (Gamma Vir)	30 N & S Omega Scorpiid meteor showers peak (ZHR = 5± ea.)	31 1 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2151 CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake


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Glacier Point Star Party
(dates TBA)
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1 0h = JD 2456809.7917	2 9 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,627 miles)	3	4	5 1:39 PM	6 11 AM ~ Earth crosses the Sun's equator (S to N)	7 Daytime Arietid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 54±) ★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at River Park ★★★★★★★★★	
8	9 Neptune stationary, then moving retrograde Daytime Zeta Perseid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 20±)	10	11	12 9:11 PM 11:59 PM ~ Equation of Time is zero (sundials on time) Moon dia = 32.724 arcmin	13 5:39.6 AM ~ Earliest sunrise of the year for Fresno	14 8 PM ~ Moon at perigee (224,977 miles) FLAG DAY 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)	
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 June Lyrid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	17 South June Aquilid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	18	19 11:39 PM 3:50 PM ~ Mercury at inferior conjunction (3.8° S of center of Sun; dist to Earth = 0.554 AU)	20	21 3:51 AM ~ Summer Solstice (solar decl = +23°26'06") ★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Millerton Lake ★★★★★★★★★	
22 8 PM ~ Mars shrinks to 10 arcsec (Mv = -0.1)	23	24	25	26 Pi Cetid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 4±)	27 1:08 AM June Bootid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 0-100±) ★★★★★★★★★ CVA Courtright Star Party (Friday-Sunday) ★★★★★★★★★	28 2 PM ~ Mars dims to Mv = 0.0 8:22.1 PM ~ Latest sunset of the year for Fresno ★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★	
29 Tau-Aquarid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 7±)	30 Noon ~ Moon at apogee (252,233 miles)	 Full Moon by Fred Lusk		MAY 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	JULY 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	MOON PHASES New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Third Quarter	SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS 7: 5:40 AM / 8:16 PM 14: 5:40 AM / 8:19 PM 21: 5:41 AM / 8:21 PM 28: 5:43 AM / 8:22 PM

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<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 4:25 AM </p> <p>11 AM ~ Mercury at western elongation (20.9°, morning)</p> <p>July Phoenicid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 4±)</p> <p>Moon dia = 33.277 arcmin</p>
<p>13</p> <p>1 AM ~ Moon at perigee (222,612 miles)</p> <p>10 PM ~ Mars 1.3° N of Spica</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2 AM ~ Venus 1.3° N of Zeta Tau</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6 PM ~ Mercury brightens to Mv = 0</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 PM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:08 PM </p>	<p>19</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p> <p>CVA Public Star Party at Millerton Lake</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>20</p> <p>2 PM ~ Saturn stationary, then moving prograde</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 AM ~ Venus 19.8 arcmin N of Tejat Prior (Eta Gem)</p> <p>Uranus stationary, then moving retrograde</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 AM ~ Venus 19.9 arcmin N of Tejat Posterior (Mu Gem)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8 AM ~ Saturn 2.4° NE of Zubenelgenubi (Alpha2 Lib)</p> <p>2 PM ~ Jupiter at solar conjunction (23.8 arcmin N of center of Sun)</p> <p>11 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2153</p>	<p>25</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p> <p>CVA Courtright Star Party (Friday-Sunday)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p>	<p>26 3:42 PM </p> <p>3:39 AM ~ Equation of time at minimum (sundials 6:53 minutes late)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p> <p>CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8 PM ~ Moon at apogee (252,629 miles)</p> <p>Piscis Austrinid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5±)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>South Delta Aquariid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 18±)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion</p> <p>Beta Cassiopeid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 10±)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Alpha Capricornid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5±)</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: 5:46 AM / 8:21 PM</p> <p>12: 5:50 AM / 8:19 PM</p> <p>19: 5:55 AM / 8:16 PM</p> <p>26: 6:00 AM / 8:11 PM</p>

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<p>3</p> <p>5:50 PM ☾</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 AM ~ Moon at westernmost libration for 2014 (Earth's selenographic longitude: -7.78°; latitude: -3.17°) Crater Grimaldi tipped into view</p>	<p>5</p> <p>NEIL ARMSTRONG DAY (Proposed)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:24 AM ~ Mercury at superior conjunction (1.7° N of center of Sun)</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>11:09 AM ☀</p> <p>11 AM ~ Moon at closest perigee of 2014 (221,765 miles) Moon dia = 33.470 arcmin Eta Eridanid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 6±)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 PM ~ Perseid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 100±) Stream active from July 17 to August 24</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM ~ Mercury 1.2° N of Regulus (7.2° E of Sun)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Millerton Lake ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>17</p> <p>5:26 AM ☾</p> <p>9 AM ~ Begin southern spring & dust storm season 9 PM ~ Venus 12 arcmin N of Jupiter (conjunction in RA; 18° W of Sun)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kappa Cygnid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2154 3 PM ~ Mars 1.6° S of Zubeneigenubi (Alp2 Lib)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Courtright Star Party (Friday-Sunday) ★★★★★★★★★</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,602 miles)</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★</p>
<p>24</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:13 AM ☀</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 AM ~ Mars 3.6° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA; 74° E of Sun) 9 AM ~ Comet C/2012 K1 (PanSTARRS) at perihelion (Mv = 5.7±; 1.055 AU from Sun & 1.956 AU from Earth)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 AM ~ Neptune at opposition (dist = 29.0 AU; dia = 2.52"; Mv = 7.64) Gamma Doradid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5±)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>★★★★★★★★★ CVA Public Star Party at Riverpark ★★★★★★★★★</p>

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OCTOBER 2014

10/8 TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE	10/23 PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
U1 = 2:14.5 AM U2 = 3:24.6 AM Mid = 3:54.6 AM U3 = 4:24.5 AM U4 = 5:34.7 AM	Beg = 1:58:46 PM Max = 3:21:19 PM End = 4:35:47 PM Duration: 2 ^h 37 ^m 01 ^s Magnitude: 0.495

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Sep 29-Oct 5: FALL ASTRONOMY WEEK / Oct 4: ASTRONOMY DAY						
5 ASTRONOMY WEEK	6 3 AM ~ Moon at perigee (225,232 miles)	7 2 PM ~ Uranus at opposition (dist. = 19.0 AU, dia. = 3.68", Mv = 5.7) 10 PM ~ Venus 1.4° S of Gam Vir (Porrima; 5° W of Sun)	8 3:51 AM Draconid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 50±) Moon dia = 32.668 arcmin TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE	9	10 Comet C/2012 K1 brightest Dist to Earth = 1.17 AU Estm Mv = 5.5 (72° SW of Sun) Southern Taurid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5±)	11 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)
12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 COLUMBUS DAY (observed)	14 4 PM ~ Mars 19.5 arcmin N of Theta Oph (60° E of Sun); 5 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2156	15 12:12 PM 6 AM ~ Moon at max libration north for the year (6.86°) 11 PM ~ Mercury 23.3 arcmin N of Spica (2° E of Sun)	16 1:40 PM ~ Mercury at inferior conjunction (1.5° below center of Sun; dist to Earth = 0.666 AU)	17 1 AM ~ Mercury 2.7° S of Venus (conjunction in RA; 2° W of Sun) 11 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,591 miles)	18 11 PM ~ Venus 3.2° N of Spica (2° W of Sun)
19 Epsilon Geminid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	20	21	22 Orionid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 25±)	23 2:57 PM Moon dia = 30.509 arcmin PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE	24 Leo Minorid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 2±)	25 12:30 AM ~ Venus at superior conjunction 2 PM ~ Mercury at perihelion ★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★
26	27	28 12 AM ~ Mercury brightens to Mv = 0	29	30 7:48 PM 3 PM ~ Mercury at dichotomy (half phase) 11 PM ~ Comet C/2012 K1 closest to Earth Dist to Sun = 1.5 AU Dist to Earth = 0.95 AU Estm Mv = 5.8 (99° SW Sun)	31 HALLOWEEN ★★★★★★★★ Star Party in Your Yard ★★★★★★★★	SUNRISE/SUNSET for SATURDAYS 4: 6:57 AM / 6:38 PM 11: 7:03 AM / 6:28 PM 18: 7:09 AM / 6:18 PM 25: 7:16 AM / 6:10 PM

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DECEMBER 2014

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Star Party
by Fred Lusk

MOON PHASES

- New Moon
- First Quarter
- Full Moon
- Third Quarter

SUNRISE/SUNSET
for SATURDAYS

1:	7:23 AM / 6:02 PM
8:	6:30 AM / 4:55 PM
15:	6:37 AM / 4:50 PM
22:	6:44 AM / 4:46 PM
29:	6:51 AM / 4:43 PM

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0h = JD 2456962.7917
6 AM ~ Mercury at western elongation (18.7°, morning)
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CVA Public Star Party at River Park
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2 3 PM ~ Moon at perigee (228,601 miles) 2:00 AM ~ Daylight Saving Time ends	3 4:15 AM ~ Equation of time at maximum (sundials 16.43 minutes early) 9 PM ~ Mars 38.4 arcmin N of Kaus Borealis (Lam Sgr)	4 8 AM ~ Mercury 4.2° N of Spica (18° W of Sun) 6 PM ~ Venus 20.3 arcmin N of Zubenelgenubi (3° E of Sun) ELECTION DAY	5	6 2:23 PM Noon ~ Mars 48 arcmin S of M22 N & S Taurid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5± ea) Moon dia = 31.817 arcmin	7	8 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191)
9 12 AM ~ Mars 2.5° N of Phi Sgt (54° E of Sun)	10 5 PM ~ Mars 3.8° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA; 53° E of Sun) 11 PM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2157	11 10 PM ~ Mars 2.0° N of Nunki (Sig Sgr; 53° E of Sun) VETERANS DAY	12	13 1 AM ~ Venus 1.6° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA; 5° E of Sun)	14 7:15 AM 6 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,243 miles)	15 10 AM ~ 6 Hebe at opposition (dist. = 1.07 AU, Mv = 8.0) November Iota Aurigid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 8±)
16 Neptune stationary, then moving prograde	17 Leonid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 20-100±)	18 1 AM ~ Saturn at solar conjunction (1.9° N of Sun) 5 PM ~ Venus 2.1° N of Del Sco (6° E of Sun)	19 3 PM ~ Venus 53.1 arcmin S of Graffuas (Bet1 Sco; 6° E of Sun)	20	21 Alpha Monocerotid meteor shower peaks (ZHR=5±)	22 4:32 AM ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
23 30	24 Noon ~ Venus 4.5° N of Antares (8° E of Sun)	25	26 1 AM ~ Mercury 1.7° S of Saturn (conjunction in RA; 7° W of Sun)	27 3 PM ~ Moon at perigee (229,800 miles) THANKSGIVING	28 Mars dims to Mv 1.0	29 2:06 AM November Orionid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)

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Coming up in 2015
 Jan 3 ~ Pluto at solar conjunction
 Jan 3 ~ Quadrantid meteor shower peaks
 Jan 4 ~ Earth at perihelion
 Jan 11 ~ Mercury & Venus 39 arcmin apart
 Jan 14 ~ Mercury at eastern elongation
 Jan 30 ~ Mercury at inferior conjunction

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MOON PHASES New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Third Quarter	1 0h = JD 2456992.8333	2 Jupiter grows to 40 arcsec (Mv = -2.3)	3 5 PM ~ Venus 1.4° N of Theta Oph (10° E of Sun)	4 6 AM ~ Mercury 3.9° N of Antares (2.2° W of Sun)	5 4:42:36 AM ~ Earliest sunset of the year for Fresno Phoenicid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 0-100±) Puppid / Velid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 10±)	6 4:27 AM 4:42:36 PM ~ Fresno's earliest sunset of the year Moon dia = 30.885 arcmin 7:00 PM ~ CVA meeting at CSUF (East Engr 191) Elect officers for 2015
7 8 PM ~ Earth crosses the Sun's equator (N to S) PEARL HARBOR DAY	8 2 AM ~ Mercury at superior conjunction (1.1° S of center of Sun) 7 AM ~ Begin Carrington Solar Rotation No. 2158 1 PM ~ Jupiter stationary, then moving retrograde	9	10	11 Sigma Hydrid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	12 12 AM ~ Mars at perihelion (1.38 AU) 3 PM ~ Moon at apogee (251,395 miles)	13
14 4:51 AM Geminid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 120±)	15 2 PM ~ Venus 2.8° N of Kaus Borealis (Lam Sgr; 13° E of Sun) Coma Berenicid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±)	16 HANUKKAH begins at sunset	17 WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY	18	19 December Leo Minorid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 5±)	20 7 AM ~ Venus 3.3° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA; 14° E of Sun) ★★★★★★★★★★ CVA Star Party at Eastman Lake ★★★★★★★★★★
21 5:38 PM 3:03 PM ~ Winter Solstice (solar decl = -23°26'05") Uranus stationary, then moving prograde	22 Ursid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 12±)	23	24 9 AM ~ Moon at perigee (226,674 miles) 5 PM ~ Mercury 4.3° S of Pluto (conjunction in RA; 10° E of Sun)	25 2:54 AM ~ Equation of Time is zero (sundials on time) December Comae Berenicid meteor shower peaks (ZHR = 3±) CHRISTMAS	26 4 PM ~ Venus at aphelion	27
28 10:31 AM	29	30	31 24h = JD 2457023.8333 NEW YEAR'S EVE	NOVEMBER 2014 S M T W T F S 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 2015 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: 6:58 AM / 4:43 PM 13: 7:03 AM / 4:44 PM 20: 7:07 AM / 4:46 PM 27: 7:11 AM / 4:50 PM

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