

November 2017 Sky Events

Leonid Meteor Shower

- ★ The annual Leonid meteor shower is predicted to peak during the *early morning hours* of Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th.
- ★ The Leonid meteor shower is caused by the Earth orbiting into the debris trail (comet dust) left by Comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle.
- ★ In 1966, during a 15-minute period, the Leonids produced a true hailstorm of meteors, with estimates in the thousands *per minute!*
- ★ This year frequency is expected to produce up to 15 meteors per hour.
- ★ Fortunately, a New Moon coincides with the 2017 shower's peak, providing Leonid meteor hunters with dark skies.
- ★ Try your luck in the hours between midnight and 4:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday morning.

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- ★ The constellation Leo is rising in the east after midnight on the morning of Nov. 17th.
- ★ The Leonid meteors will appear to radiate from this area of the sky – hence the shower's name.

