

Astronomy Club of Asheville
April 2020 Sky Events

Venus Visits the “7 Sisters” – the Pleiades

In the early night hours of **April 2 - 4, 2020**, the brilliant planet Venus passes in front of the Pleiades star cluster. It will appear closest to the star cluster on the night of Friday, April 3rd.

The cluster’s bright young, hot stars are about 100 million years old and 440 light years away in the direction of the constellation Taurus.

Because the Pleiades are located very near the ecliptic, conjunctions with our solar system’s planets are not rare. [Read more...](#)

In the illustration to the right, the stars Atlas and Pleione are the parents, and the remaining labeled stars in the cluster are the “**7 sisters**”! Using binoculars or a small telescope, you should notice a crescent Venus – only 46% illuminated.

