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00:00:00,400 --> 00:00:03,803  
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00:00:03,836 --> 00:00:05,338  
What's Up for November?

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00:00:05,371 --> 00:00:07,774  
Your binoculars will come in  
handy this month--

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00:00:07,807 --> 00:00:10,009  
to view the moon, star clusters,

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00:00:10,042 --> 00:00:12,378  
and a close pairing  
of Venus and Jupiter.

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00:00:13,446 --> 00:00:15,314  
Hello and welcome!  
I'm Jane Houston Jones from

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00:00:15,347 --> 00:00:18,851  
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in Pasadena, California.

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00:00:19,985 --> 00:00:23,322  
You can't miss bright  
Venus in the predawn sky.

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00:00:23,355 --> 00:00:25,258  
This month Venus pairs up  
with Jupiter

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00:00:25,291 --> 00:00:27,493  
on the morning of November 13th,

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00:00:27,526 --> 00:00:31,497  
as they did in 2015 and 2016

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00:00:31,530 --> 00:00:35,168

when the two planets appeared a  
little closer than this year.

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00:00:35,201 --> 00:00:36,836

You'll have to be  
looking very low

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00:00:36,869 --> 00:00:39,005

on the east-southeast  
horizon

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00:00:39,038 --> 00:00:41,941

about 45 minutes before sunrise.

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00:00:41,974 --> 00:00:43,342

But protect your eyes!

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00:00:43,375 --> 00:00:44,644

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00:00:44,677 --> 00:00:47,413

Don't aim your binoculars  
directly at the sun

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00:00:47,446 --> 00:00:49,382

and don't look at the  
approaching sunrise

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00:00:49,415 --> 00:00:52,085

with your unaided eyes  
or telescopes.

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00:00:52,118 --> 00:00:53,086

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00:00:54,054 --> 00:00:56,189

There are three  
meteor showers this month,

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00:00:56,222 --> 00:00:58,724

but none of them will present  
high numbers of meteors

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00:00:58,757 --> 00:00:59,992

at their peak.

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00:01:01,026 --> 00:01:04,230

The Leonids peak on a  
moonless November 17th.

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00:01:04,263 --> 00:01:07,967

Expect no more than 10 meteors  
an hour around 3:00 a.m.,

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00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:09,836

the height of the shower.

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00:01:09,869 --> 00:01:12,438

The Northern and  
Southern sub-branches of the

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00:01:12,471 --> 00:01:15,208

Taurid meteor shower offer  
sparse counts

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00:01:15,241 --> 00:01:17,610

of about 5 meteors per hour,

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00:01:17,643 --> 00:01:20,746

but slow, bright meteors  
are common.

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00:01:20,779 --> 00:01:24,550

The nearby November Orionids  
peak on the 28th,

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00:01:24,583 --> 00:01:28,387

In contrast to the Taurids,  
the Orionids are swift.

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00:01:28,420 --> 00:01:30,957

But don't expect more  
than 3 meteors per hour.

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00:01:30,990 --> 00:01:32,091

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00:01:33,125 --> 00:01:35,161

The moon glides by three  
beautiful star clusters

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00:01:35,194 --> 00:01:37,063

in the morning sky this month,

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00:01:37,096 --> 00:01:39,298

and a pair of binoculars  
will allow you to see

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00:01:39,331 --> 00:01:42,068

the individual stars  
in the clusters.

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00:01:42,101 --> 00:01:43,870

Aim your binoculars at

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00:01:43,903 --> 00:01:46,072

the Pleiades and the moon  
on the 5th,

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00:01:46,105 --> 00:01:50,009

the Messier or M-35 cluster  
and the moon on the 7th,

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00:01:50,042 --> 00:01:53,946

and the Beehive cluster  
and the moon on the 10th.

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00:01:53,979 --> 00:01:57,049

Meanwhile, at dusk, catch  
Saturn as it dips closer

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00:01:57,082 --> 00:01:58,618

to the western horizon,

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00:01:58,651 --> 00:02:03,189

and pairs up with Mercury  
on the 24th through the 28th.

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00:02:03,222 --> 00:02:08,928

Comet C/2017 O1, discovered  
only in July by the

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00:02:08,961 --> 00:02:11,797

All-Sky Automated  
Survey for Supernovae,

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:15,268

came close to the sun in  
October, and should still be

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00:02:15,301 --> 00:02:18,037

a binocular-friendly  
magnitude 7 or 8

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00:02:18,070 --> 00:02:20,673

greenish object  
in November.

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00:02:20,706 --> 00:02:24,043

Use Polaris, the North Star  
as a guide.

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00:02:24,076 --> 00:02:27,747

Look in the East to Northeast  
sky in the late evening.

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00:02:29,048 --> 00:02:33,152

You can find out about all of  
NASA's missions at: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

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00:02:34,286 --> 00:02:36,222

That's all for this month. I'm  
Jane Houston Jones.

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00:02:36,956 --> 00:02:38,491

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