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FIND GEMINI AND SEE SOME METEORS

TWINS OF GEMINI ARE HOSTING A METEOR SHOWER RIGHT NOW – THEY'RE SO SOCIAL! LET'S FIND THE PARTY, STARFAM!

HIT THE DARKNESS AFTER 10 PM TO SEE SOME METEORS. FIND A SPOT WITH CLEAR VIEW OF THE EASTERN SKY AND LOOK FOR CASTOR AND POLLUX – THE TWIN STARS OF GEMINI. TO FIND THEM EASILY LOOK ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN THE BIG DIPPER'S BOWL AND ORION'S HOURGLASS. THE GEMINIDS WILL APPEAR HERE IN OUR SKY.

A METEOR SHOWER OCCURS WHENEVER OUR EARTH ORBITS INTO A STREAM OF SPACE DEBRIS – THEY BURN UP LIKE BUGS ON OUR ATMOSPHERIC WINDSHIELD.

MOST, LIKE THE PERSEIDS, ORIONIDS, LEONIDS, COME FROM COMETS. COMETS ARE DIRTY SNOWBALLS OF ICE AND DUST. THEY GET NEAR THE SUN AND MELT GIVING THEM A TAIL.

BUT, THE GEMINIDS IS FROM AN ASTEROID; WHICH IS RARE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

ASTEROIDS ARE ROCKS – SO THEIR ROCKY DEBRIS CAN MAKE BRIGHTER METEORS!

LOOK EVERY NIGHT! THE SHOWER PEAKS ON THE 15TH; KEEP LOOKIN' UP!