



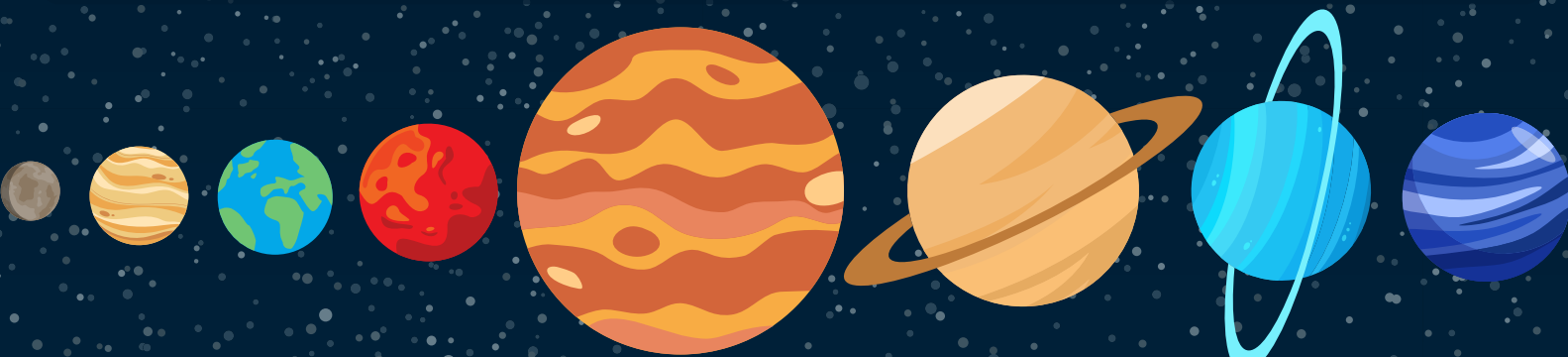
A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

JOIN US IN OBSERVING A
FULL MOON, PLANETS,
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AUGUST 9TH
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WITH SPECIAL GUEST VOLUNTEER
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FULL MOONS



JANUARY

Wolf Moon

Only occurring in January the Wolf moon is the first full moon of the year. It got its name because this time of year is when wolves are most often heard howling due to the cold. The name is thought to have originated from Native American, Colonial American, and European traditions.



FEBUARY

Snow Moon

February's full moon is called the Snow Moon because of the abundance of snow in the northern hemisphere, some native american tribes named it the hungry moon because of lack of food and harsh hunting conditions. Other tribes called it the bear moon because of bear cubs being born this time of year.



MARCH

Worm Moon

The worm moon represents the emergence of worm from the ground providing food for wildlife, some tribes associated this moon with beetle larvae appearing inside the thawing bark from winter.



APRIL

Pink Moon

The first spring moon is called the pink moon because of the different plants that bloom in spring like the pink-colored moss phlox. This moon plays a big role of determining the date of easter, and the symbolism of springs rebirth and renewal.



MAY

Flower Moon

Similar to the pink moon, the flower moon comes from this time of flowers blooming. Other names include budding moon and planting moon.



JUNE

Strawberry Moon

Native americans used these names to track the seasons, now we think of them as nicknames for the moon. The strawberry moon has nothing to do with its appearance, but rather the ripening of strawberries in June!

FULL MOONS



JULY

Buck Moon

The buck moon gets its name because this is the time of year the buck grow their new antlers! Other names are berry moon because of the ripening of various berries and rattlesnake moon due to rattlesnakes being the most active



AUGUST

Sturgeon Moon

Named after the sturgeon fish this moon gets its name because this time of year is when sturgeons were traditionally caught in the great lakes along with lake champion.



SEPTEMBER

Corn Moon

You guessed it, this moon gets its name from the time of year corn is harvested. It is a symbol of abundance, gratitude, and the culmination of hard work. It serves as a great reminder to reflect on the progress we've made throughout the year.



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

