

Put Some Meteors in Your Meteorology

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Meteors, or “shooting stars,” are among the night sky's most captivating phenomena. Yet few people understand what they are, where they come from, or how often they hit the ground. This primer will provide an easy-to-grasp understanding of meteors and meteorites, with emphasis on annual meteor showers such as the Perseids and Leonids. (Special bonus: attend this talk and get a free sample of “simulated meteors” for use during your broadcasts!)

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