

# Meteor shower will be visible from Chicago suburbs

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In this photo taken with long shutter speed, a meteor sparks, lower right, while entering the earth's atmosphere behind an olive tree during the Perseids Meteor Shower, in Fanos village, central Greece, on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013. The Perseids are a prolific meteor shower associated with the comet Swift-Tuttle. The Perseids shower is visible from mid- July each year, with the peak in activity being between Aug. 9 and 14 depending on the particular location of the stream.(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

A light show—the natural kind—will be playing in suburban Chicago.

The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald ([bit.ly/16CCz3g](http://bit.ly/16CCz3g)) reports astronomers say scores of [meteors](#) will blaze across the sky above the suburbs from Saturday night through the early morning hours of Tuesday.

If the clouds aren't too thick, the annual Perseid meteor shower will be easy to spot. Astronomer Larry Ciupik of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago says it would be a good idea to grab a lawn chair, face northeast and watch the show. As many as 100 meteors per hour are expected to hit the atmosphere.

There are a number of viewing parties scheduled across Illinois, including one at the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg and Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

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