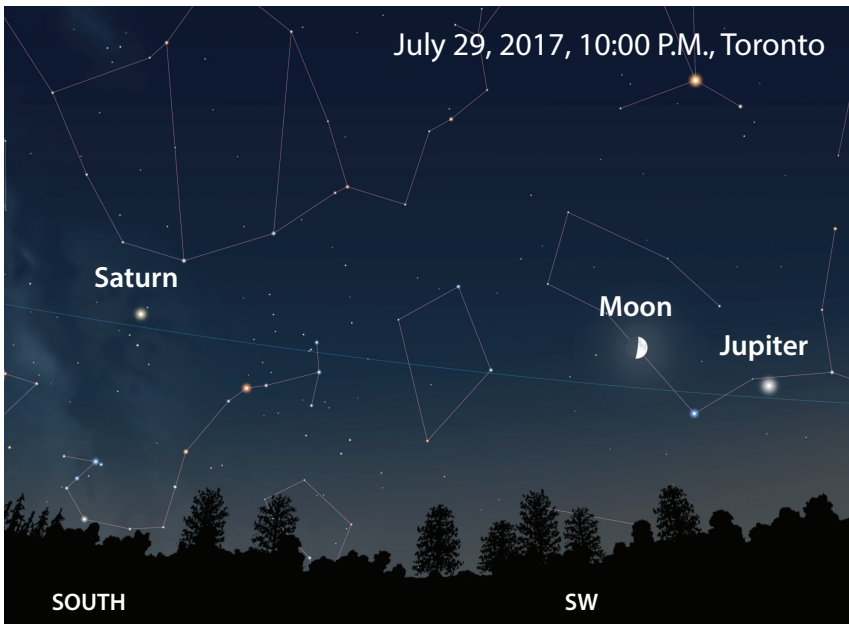


# July 29 National Star Party

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday since Confederation, The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) and la Fédération des Astronomes Amateurs du Québec (FAAQ) are sponsoring a first—a **National Star Party**.

On the evening of Saturday, July 29, 2017, astronomy clubs from coast to coast to coast will hold public star parties for the Canadian public. If the weather is clear, visitors will be able to observe a first quarter Moon and the planets Saturn and Jupiter through telescopes. Even the International Space Station will be visible crossing the night sky.

The events are free and will begin after sunset. We hope that we can make this first National Star Party a success and bring astronomy to thousands of Canadians.



Here is a list of RASC Centres and other amateur astronomy organizations which are participating in this National Star Party.  
<http://rasc.ca/national-star-party>

## 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the RASC

This National Star Party will be a kickoff to our 2018 celebrations. <https://www.rasc.ca/2018>  
For more information on becoming a member of the RASC please visit <http://rasc.ca/join-us>

## Coming up: A Partial Solar Eclipse

A partial eclipse of the Sun will take place on **Monday, August 21**. Astronomy organizations will team with various partners to provide safe views of the Sun as the Moon passes in front of it.

For a list of sites go to: <http://rasc.ca/solar-eclipse-2017>

Solar viewers are for sale on the RASC estore—go to the [rasc.ca](http://rasc.ca) website and look under observational aids on the estore.

