

Our Night Sky for January 26 th, 2026

I was telling my Prince George grand daughter last weeks Night Sky, about sharing the sky with your children. She's ten and I asked her "what was her favorite part when they go camping?" She said, checking out stars and constellations later in the evening, a win.

Last August I had the pleasure of enjoying the Perseids meteor shower with my Vancouver grand children at a lovely beach west of Vancouver. Best Perseids ever.

Most kids are happy just to get extra time with mom and dad, but if you can't get them to settle down and sit still you need something a bit more spectacular. How about fireworks in the sky, a meteor shower. You will have to wait a couple of months but this year it may be worth it, because the moon won't be up for most of the night for the Lyrids meteor shower on April 22 nd.

Some of the rocks and debris that cause the fireballs can be pretty tiny. So some meteors are brief and washed out by city sky glow and moon light.

The Lyrids radiate from the familiar constellation Lyra which will be almost overhead anchored by the bright star Vega.

The average count from this meteor shower is only 16 meteors per hour but with the expected dark sky with sunset at about 8:26 and no moon perhaps it would be worth finding a dark spot away from city lights and still fairly early in the evening. Mid April we often have a week or two warm pleasant evenings and no mosquitoes. A great evening to introduce your children to Our Night Sky.