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One of the year's best opportunities for viewing meteors in the night sky is tonight (Monday). That's according to Darrell Heath, president of the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society. The annual Geminid (jem-ih-nid) meteor shower produces the most potential meteor sightings, but he says steps must be taken for best viewing conditions.

News20 0:14 "...outside the city."

Heath says the glare from tonight's nearly full moon and potentially cloudy skies will make it more difficult to see meteors, but expects the brightest will still be visible to the naked eye. The National Weather Service says clouds will be increasing tonight with a chance of rain early tomorrow (Tues) morning.

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The most spectacular meteor shower of the year is tonight (Monday). KUAR's David Monteith spoke with a local astronomer about what's expected:

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According to NASA, the Geminid (jem-ih-nid) meteor shower, which happens annually in December, can produce up to 120 meteors per hour. Darrell Heath, president of the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society, says some of those won't be visible tonight because they'll be lost in the light of a nearly full moon. But he says people willing to travel away from city lights could still see a significant number of falling meteors.

Clip 0:20 "...a spectacular sight."

The Geminid (jem-ih-nid) meteors are fragments from an asteroid over 3 miles in diameter that orbits the sun. David Monteith, KUAR News. In Little Rock, I'm David Monteith.