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**NEWS MEDIA INVITED TO PERSEID METEOR SHOWER VIEWING**

**MONDAY-TUESDAY, AUGUST 12-13,** **11 PM – 3 AM**

**Chabot Space & Science Center offers viewing of Perseid Meteor Shower with astronomers available.**
**News Media are invited to cover the Perseid Meteor Shower viewing at Chabot Space & Science Center Monday, August 12, from 11 p.m. - 3 a.m. Tuesday, August 13.**The public is invited to enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower from the Chabot Observatory Deck with staff astronomers available to answer questions. Astronomer Gerald McKeegan will be giving talks on meteors at 12 a.m. and 1 a.m.

The annual Perseid Meteor Shower will peak on August 12 with potentially 60-70 meteors per hour. Considered the most popular meteor shower of the year, this astronomical event offers a dazzling show of meteors from the comet Swift-Tuttle.

Tickets are $8 or free for Chabot Space and Science Center members.

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**About Chabot Space and Science Center**

Founded as an observatory in 1883, today Chabot offers visitors the very latest in hands-on, interactive exhibits, displays, and Planetarium shows. Combined with a full program of activity-filled classes, workshops, outreach programs, and special events, Chabot Space & Science Center is the Bay Area's go-to destination for visitors of all ages who want to discover and learn about science.

Set amid beautiful redwood parkland in the hills above Oakland, just 2.5 miles off the freeway, Chabot is also home to three magnificent telescopes including the largest on the west coast open weekly to the public. Here visitors of all ages can experience for themselves the wonders of the cosmos as they gaze through the telescopes at distant stars and planets.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with First Fridays the first Friday of every month 5-9 pm. Admission is Adults: $18 • children 3-12 $14 (under 3 free) • Students/Seniors $15 • Memberships available

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