

Peak Moment



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For three years, from 2007-thru-2009, sunspot activity was the lowest it had been in a century. This was good for satellites and communication systems vulnerable to the blast of a solar flare but challenging for an aurora hunter. In late March 2010, I headed to the Brooks Range and was

fortunate enough to have a "Peak Moment" experience. The northern lights erupted right over the moonlit peak of Dillon Mountain and left me flat on my back in euphoria. By the time this calendar page is open on your wall we should be near the peak of the solar cycle, thus, more aurora activity!

December 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| NOVEMBER 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 | JANUARY 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | <i>Keep One Eye On the Sky!</i> |  Courtesy NASA & NOAA | 30 | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 LAST QUARTER  | 7 | 8 |
| 9 First day of Hanukkah | 10 | 11 | 12 NEW MOON  | 13 Geminids Meteor Shower (Dec 13-14) | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Last day of Hanukkah | 17 | 18 | 19 FIRST QUARTER  | 20 | 21 WINTER SOLSTICE 8:11 am AK Time Above the Arctic Circle the sun does not rise. HOURS OF DAYLIGHT: Barrow 0:00, Fairbanks 3:43 Anchorage 5:27, Juneau 6:22 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 New Year's Eve <i>Happy New Year!</i> | | | | FULL MOON 1:21 AM (AK Time)  | |