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News Release

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Geminid Meteor Shower Viewing Event Set To Be Held In Durham

*Durham Parks and Recreation in Cooperation with the
Morehead Planetarium Will Host the Viewing on December 13-14*

DURHAM, NC - On Thursday-Friday, December 13-14, from 8 p.m. – 3 a.m., Durham Parks and Recreation in coordination with the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center will host a Geminid Meteor Shower Viewing.

The event will be held at Durham Parks and Recreation's new Environmental Education Pavilion housed at the historic West Point on the Eno at 5253 N. Roxboro Road.

Participants will view one of the most prolific meteor showers of the year. Annual meteor showers arise when the Earth passes through streams of debris left behind by space objects like comets or asteroids.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the showers are high concentrations of meteors, or shooting stars – space rock or debris falling “through a planet’s atmosphere, [leaving a bright trail as they are heated to incandescence](#) by the friction of the atmosphere.”

Participants will enjoy the viewing and educational activities from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. Beginning at 10 p.m., they can grab a cup of hot chocolate and watch the Geminids at their peak, with up to 120 meteors per hour.

This is a free drop-in program, no pre-registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For information visit DPRPlayMore.org or call Ryan Sailstad at 919-560-4405.

About Durham Parks and Recreation

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About Morehead Planetarium

To serve North Carolina and beyond by bringing together the unique resources of UNC to engage the public for an improved public understanding of science, technology, and health. For information, call 919-962-3651.