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[Barrington Hills, IL]

Summer's Perseid meteor shower promises to put on a dazzling show when it peaks over the next few days.

Astronomical information received by the Village of Barrington Hills pronounces that this year's Perseid meteor shower will enable viewers to see, unaided, 100 meteorites per hour in the skies overhead. If counts greater than 100 occur, persons are advised to contact Village Hall with their results.

The Perseid meteor shower begins after sunset on Tuesday, August 11th and continues until dawn on Wednesday, August 12th. To watch the show, find a dark, open sky and give your eyes at least 20 minutes to adapt to the dark. Perseids are noted for their long trails and should streak across much of the night sky. The Perseid meteor shower can be viewed anywhere from 30 degrees to 80 degrees above the horizon and about 45 degrees away from the constellation Perseus.

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