Astronomy Club of Asheville

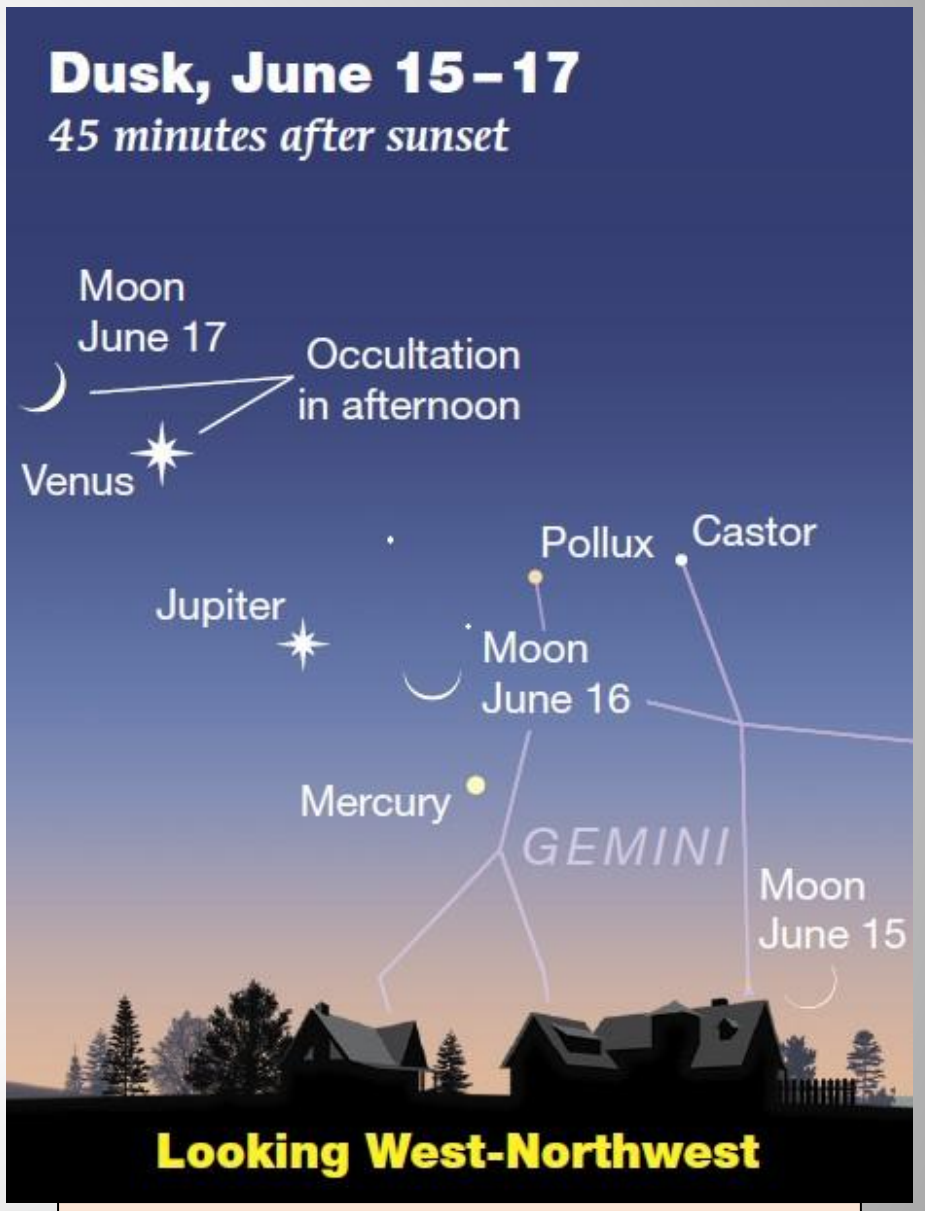
June 2026 Sky Events

Conjunction of the Moon with 3 Planets

During twilight on the evenings of June 15-17, the waxing crescent Moon overtakes 3 planets along the ecliptic – the apparent path across the sky that the Sun, Moon and planets travel. That ecliptic path passes through the zodiac constellations. On these dates, the 3 planets and the Moon are positioned in front of the constellations Gemini and Cancer.

The planets' motion along the ecliptic has been apparent from ancient times, and the origin of the word "planet" comes from the Greek – meaning "wanderer."

On June 17th, the Moon occults the planet Venus beginning at 3:39 p.m. EDT and lasting for 88 minutes. Find out more about this occultation **at this link**.



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