

Mars, Jupiter, and the Moon

Dance with Regulus in the Constellation Leo

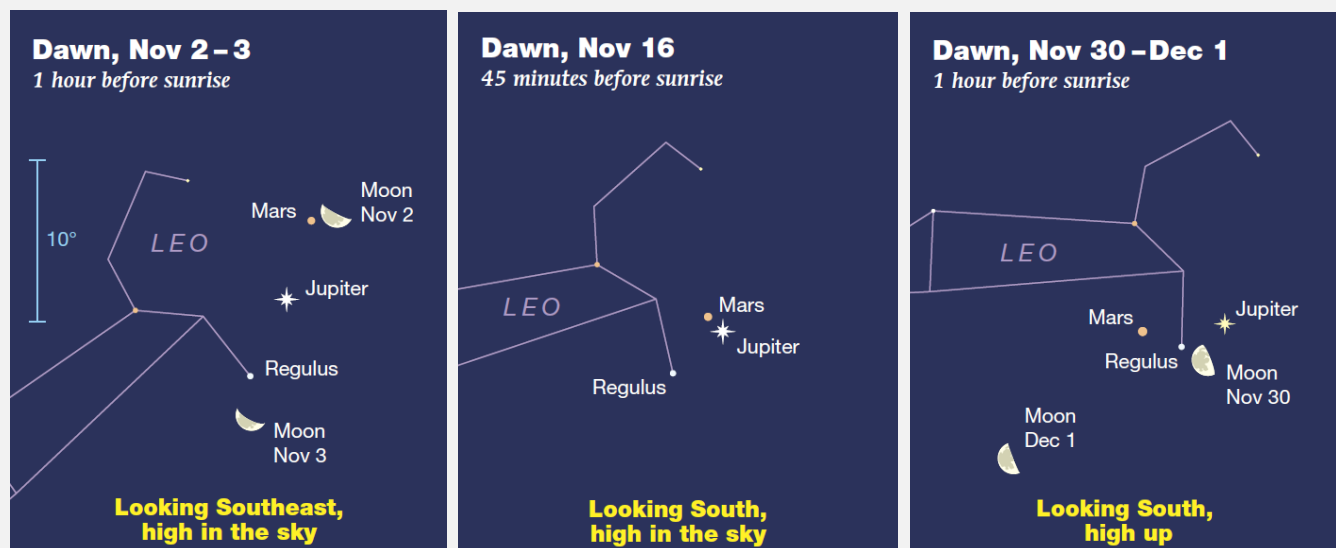
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About one hour before sunrise throughout November, the planets Mars and Jupiter create some striking juxtapositions with the Moon and the bright star Regulus in the constellation Leo.

Mars and Jupiter are planets, and they change their positions against the background stars from night to night. In fact, the word “planet” originates from the Greek language – meaning “wanderer”.

To observe this changing scene, rise early and look high off the horizon to the south to locate the dance party in Leo. Regulus will remain fixed in its location, as the planets move about, and the Moon joins the party at the beginning of November and again at the end of month.

Jupiter will be very bright and easy to spot, while Mars will display a deep orange color. The star Regulus, located some 79 light years behind the planets, will beam with a distinct white color. Enjoy this dawn dance!



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