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Catch a Falling Star at Riverbend’s Astronomy Festival

If you’ve ever wanted to catch a falling star and put it in your pocket, then Riverbend Park is the place to be on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

The Riverbend Astronomy Festival comes just as the Geminids meteor shower starts hitting its peak. This shower radiates from the constellation Gemini – the Twins – and is typically one of the best and most reliable annual meteor showers to watch. The celestial show promises to be even more spectacular this year as the skies will be especially dark with just a thin crescent moon. It’s also a good meteor shower for younger star-gazers as the shooting stars can be seen earlier in the night.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Riverbend will offer guided stargazing tours and help you learn how to use a star chart. You can listen to ancient stories about constellations, look through a telescope and much more. The cost is \$6 per person when registering online and \$7 at the door.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA. For more information, call 703-759-9018 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>.

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