

Observer's Name

Observation Event (must be at least 1 hour long)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Observation

Time of Start of Observation

Time of End of Observation

Time Zone used for Observations

UT, ET, CT, MT, PT

Location Name

Latitude

degrees

Longitude

degrees

Altitude

Units

ft., m.

Instructions:

- 1 Each time you go out to observe, use another one of these cover sheets.
- 2 If you run out of space on one form use additional ones as needed.
- 3 Include a comment that indicates any changes in sky conditions or percent cloudiness with a time noted.
- 4 You MUST show the percent cloudiness in a comment at least once per hour.
- 5 You sometimes have hours with no meteors observed. This is ok, but darker skies would be more rewarding.
- 6 You MUST include a comment with the time noted when you take a break and return from a break.
- 7 Fields required are: Time, Magnitude, Shower Membership, Color, Speed, Train, and Comments.
- 8 Time is the time when the meteor was observed. Use the same time zone as on this cover sheet.
- 9 Magnitude (Mag.) is the estimated magnitude of the meteor.
- 10 Shower is the shower of which the meteor may be a part.
- 11 Each meteor track should be traced back to see if it may have come from a known active radiant.
- 12 Color is the color as it appeared to the observer. They are often white, but may appear other colors as well.
- 13 Speed is the estimated speed of the meteor: very fast, fast, medium, or slow.
- 14 Train is the length of time that a smoke trail was visible after the meteor passed. Use comments to elaborate.
- 15 Comments should include anything else that is relevant to the meteor. It should include the length of the visible meteor, any special characteristics or events, or any other details that might be useful.
- 16 Observations should be submitted to the Coordinator to be processed.
- 17 The Astronomical League issues certificates for 12 hours and a certificate and pin at 36 hours.
- 18 Plan to lie on the ground or lean way back in a comfortable chair.
- 19 Drink plenty of water, and remember your bug spray.
- 20 Look in the darkest part of the sky, many meteors are quite faint. Get as far from light pollution as possible. Red lights only.
- 21 You do not need to be looking at the radiant. Meteors will be longer further from the radiant.
- 22 The best time to observe is when the radiant is higher in the sky. Mornings are usually better.

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Observation Details:

Observation Altitude  degrees  
 Observation Azimuth  degrees  
 Initial Coudiness  percent  
 Sky Conditions:  
   Seeing   
   Transparency

Shower - Indicate Shower membership.  
 Speed - very fast, fast, medium, slow.  
 Train - indicate how long it lasted if it occurred.  
 Comments - Indicate anything special about the meteor.  
 Seeing - Steadiness: Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor.  
 Transparency - faintest naked-eye observable star.

Meteors:

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