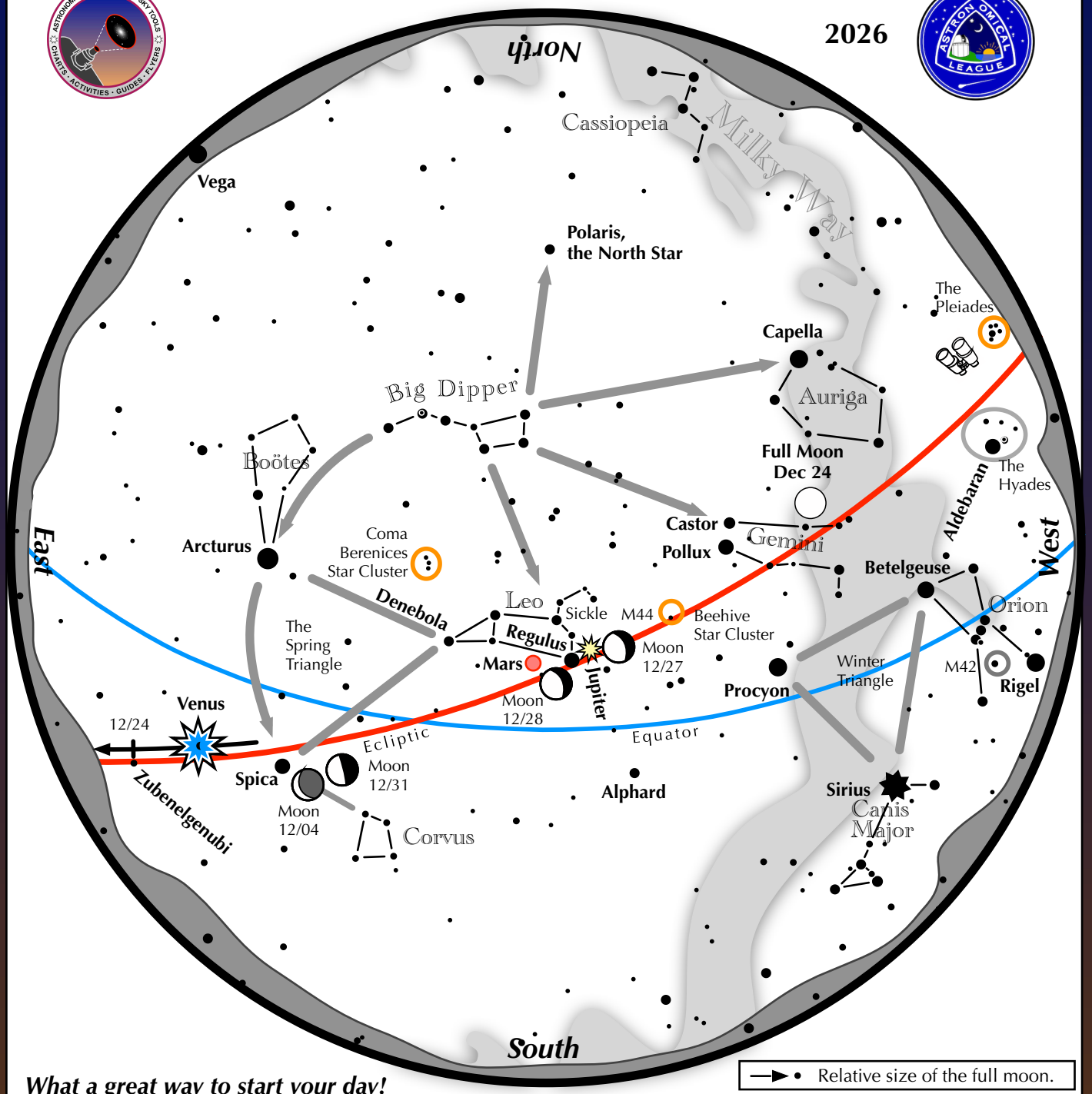
Navigating the December Morning Sky

2026



Relative size of the full moon.

What a great way to start your day!

For observers in the middle northern latitudes, this chart is suitable for mid December at 5:00 a.m.

Late sunrises in December provide opportunities for early morning skywatching.

- Bright Jupiter shines nearly overhead.
- Brightening Mars lies to Jupiter's east with Regulus sitting between them.
- Brilliant Venus climbs in the east shining east of Spica.
- The waning crescent moon glows next to Spica on December 4.
- The near third quarter moon returns to the Spica area on the final morning of 2026.
- A great time for viewing the Big Dipper, Leo, and the Spring Triangle. And, in the second half of the month, it is time for galaxy viewing!

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