

Explore Constellations!

Websites

http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/skychart/article_1220_1.asp

Sky & Telescope magazine offers an easy-to-access interactive sky chart where viewers get a customized view of the sky for any location on Earth, on any date, at any time.

<http://familyeducation.com/topic/front/0,1156,1-3910,00.html?ssb>

The Night Sky from FamilyEducation.com facilitates family interaction through night sky observing. It includes activities, an instructional, inquiry-based guide for parents on three levels, grades pre-K through 12, a list of astronomy tools and downloads, and a fun section called “night sky scrapbook,” where viewers are invited to post their notes and observations of the night sky and read those from others.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/stars/constellations.shtml>

On Enchanted Learning’s Zoom Astronomy site, young viewers ages 8–15 can find a list of the 88 constellations and short descriptions and clear illustrations of 33 of the more common ones.

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Books

The Sky Is Full of Stars. Franklyn Branley, 1983, HarperTrophy Publishers, ISBN 0064450023.

Information to engage stargazers, ages 4–8, in viewing and locating star pictures.

Find the Constellations H. A. Rey, 1976, Houghton Mifflin, ISBN 0395244188.

One of the best star and constellation guides for beginners, offering comprehensive explanations of the essentials, presented in an easy-to-understand format for children.

Constellations (Galaxy) Gregory Vogt, Bridgestone Books, 2002, ISBN 0736813829.

Children ages 4–8 can explore what constellations are and how to locate them. Images of constellations are paired with descriptive text.

The Constellations: Stars & Stories Chris Sasaki and Joe Boddy, 2001, Sterling Publishing, ISBN 0806976357.

The 88 constellations, listed in alphabetical order, are illustrated with accompanying explanations of the myths behind them.