AURORA BOREALIS STAGES SKY SHOW IN CHICAGO AREA

The Chicago area was treated last night to a spectacular display of the aurora borealis, commonly called the northern lights. Scores of persons called The Tribune to report their brilliance.

The aurora borealis follows a flare up of incandescent gases on the sun. These eruptions spray electrically charged particles into the earth’s magnetic field, 60 to 400 miles above the ground.

The particles are deflected north and south toward the magnetic poles where they collide with other particles. This causes them to emit light.