

LAAS CODE OF CONDUCT AND LAND USE POLICY

A REMINDER

Attendance at star parties organized by LAAS is limited to LAAS members and their guests ONLY. Members will be held responsible for the behavior of their guests.

General LAAS members may use the land and facilities ONLY during regularly scheduled LAAS star parties or as guests of Star Members.

GENERAL

- 1) Discharge of firearms or air guns is prohibited on the property at ALL times.
- 2) Fires are permitted ONLY in manufactured camp stoves and heaters or in hibachi-type charcoal burners, subject to U.S.F.S. regulations. There will be NO OPEN FIRES.
- 3) Smoking is allowed ONLY in cleared areas. Be careful not to drop butts or matches elsewhere. Use your ash tray and be sure it's out!
- 4) Disposal of trash anywhere on the property is prohibited in the interests of health and fire safety. Take your trash home with you.
- 5) Dogs and other pets must be kept on leash or otherwise under physical control by their owners while on the property. They are not allowed in the observing area after dark.
- 6) Athletic games and throwing of balls and other objects are prohibited in or near the observing area at any time instruments are set up.
- 7) Climbing or playing on any part of observatory structure or on the surrounding earth bank, especially after dark, is prohibited in the interests of safety.
- 8) Noise in the observing area after dark will be kept to a minimum. Radio, tape player and musical instruments must not be played in the observing area during star party observing hours.
- 9) Trees and bushes on the property may not be disturbed or removed except by express permission of LAAS Board of Directors.
- 10) Trespassing on the property of neighboring landowners is illegal. Park and camp ONLY in indicated areas.
- 11) For your safety: Walk, Don't Run in observing area after dark.
- 12) It is expected that those attending star parties are ladies and gentlemen and that they will speak and act accordingly. Profanity, rudeness, arguments, and other bad public manners will be avoided by those wishing to keep their land use privilege.

VEHICLES

- 1) SPEED LIMIT 5 MILES PER HOUR on the property at ALL times.
- 2) Motorcycles and other vehicles will be operated SOLELY for transportation purposes while on the property.
- 3) Vehicles are NOT allowed in observing area during star parties except for loading or unloading of equipment during daylight hours ONLY. Try to unload and set up your equipment before dark if possible. Board of Directors must approve any and all exceptions.
- 4) Vehicles must park so as not to block roads, other vehicles, or entrances to camping and parking areas. This includes trailers.
- 5) Dim your headlights, or use parking lights only, when approaching or moving about the property after dark. Make every effort to avoid raising dust or shining bright lights into observing area. Watch for children!
- 6) Driving or parking on observing pads is prohibited.

EQUIPMENT

- 1) Electrical cords and cables must be arranged so as to avoid shock or trip hazards. Keep other items out of the way of foot traffic and within the perimeter of your pad if possible.
- 2) Considerate astronomers will use only a dim red light or flashlight at the telescope and in the observing area. Excessively bright or numerous lights must be avoided.
- 3) Operation of 14-inch telescope electronics is restricted to authorized and qualified persons.
- 4) User of an observing pad, other than owner, must vacate such pad upon request of owner.

PROTECT YOUR OBSERVING PRIVILEGE

PRACTICE SAFETY AND COMMON COURTESY

USE COMMON SENSE