

The 2010 Winter Star Party[©]

Southern Cross Astronomical Society of Miami, Inc.

Winter Star Party & Camp Wesumkee Girl Scout Rules*

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Winter Star Party attracts serious observers and astro-imagers each year, and the following rules insure that these attendees are not hindered in any way. In addition, the Girl Scouts of America Organization has specific rules about the use of their property and violations of these rules could jeopardize our ability to continue hosting this event. Attendees who violate either the WSP rules, Girl Scout rules, or violate Federal/state/local regulations will be asked to leave the event AND FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED. We ask for your cooperation and thank all the attendees who have followed these rules in the past, which has made the Winter Star Party a pleasure for all to attend. *Submission of your registration form acknowledges that you have read and will follow these rules.* * Rules subject to changes at the discretion of the Girl Scouts and WSP.

I. CAMP WESUMKEE GIRL SCOUT RULES

1. No smoking inside any building on site. No cigarette butts thrown on the ground.
2. No fire, flame, food, smoking or cooking in or nearby the chickees.
3. Return your area to its original condition. No cigarette butts, gum wrappers, or other trash thrown on the ground.
4. No water hookups provided or allowed.
5. All cartons are to be flattened before putting in dumpster.
6. NO DRUG USE OR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, NO ALCOHOL CONTAINERS ON SITE!
7. Do not touch any plants.
8. No vehicles in marked off areas.
9. No firearms.
10. Nothing to be hung on plants or trees.
11. No ground fires. Put all charcoal ashes in dumpster when cool.
12. No pets of any kind (service dogs are the only exception).

II. WINTER STAR PARTY RULES

CHECK-IN AND EXIT/RE-ENTRY DURING STAR PARTY: Pick up your name badge and camping pass at the registration desk on the day of your arrival. Desk hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM each day, with longer hours on opening day. Name badges must be worn at all times when on the site. Do not show up at the site without your ticket. Always have your ticket with you when you leave the site, as this is the only way you will be able to get back in.

SEE ADDITIONAL WSP RULES ON REVERSE SIDE.....

SPEED LIMIT: Observe the camp's 5mph speed limit at all times. Please operate bikes safely and never after dark.

PARKING: You may park your car in designated camping areas and set up your tent and telescope next to it, but you may not move the car if you are blocked in by other setups. You may park alongside the main camp road where there is room and where it does not interfere with observing. **NOTE:** The raised berm next to the beach is reserved for **TELESCOPES ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS!** Cars may park next to the berm for loading and unloading, but they **must be** removed from the berm area by 6 PM so they do not interfere with observing.

PARKING – MOTOR HOMES & CAMPING TRAILERS: Areas will be set aside for a limited number of recreational vehicles and large camping trailers. WSP staff will assign parking on entry, based on ground impact considerations, and the need to use these vehicles as a shield to help block stray light from the highway. **NO HOOKUPS ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE.** The camp's AC power supply is extremely limited, and it is reserved strictly for telescopes and astronomy-related uses. RV's must arrive before Noon Monday, February 8. RV's will be given an assigned time window in which to enter Monday morning, **and** once parked rigs must be left in place for the duration of the event. They **cannot** be driven in and out of the campground at will like a car, van, or truck. If these rules are not acceptable to you, then please do not bring a motor home or large camping trailer to the event. There are commercial campgrounds in the area that can accommodate your needs.

DRIVING OUT AT NIGHT: Those who park inside the campground cannot move their vehicles after nightfall. **THERE WILL BE NO "WINDOW" AT MIDNIGHT, OR ANY OTHER TIME AFTER NIGHTFALL, FOR DRIVING OUT.** The main gate will be closed between 7 PM and 7 AM. You may park outside the campground along the edge of U.S. 1 in order to leave or enter at the time of your choosing. You may walk in and out at any time, but you must have your WSP ticket with you to re-enter the site.

LIGHTS: **NO WHITE LIGHT** is permitted, ANYWHERE! Please use DIM red flashlights at night. The use of green laser pointers is prohibited.

SMOKING: If you must smoke, do not smoke inside any buildings, including the bathrooms, chickees and Wheelhouse (Girl Scout rules). Pick up all your butts and dispose of them properly. **DO NOT** approach someone else's telescope at night with a lit cigarette or cigar, as there are expensive optics and electronic equipment at the WSP that can be damaged by smoke and flying ash. Please be sensitive to the non-smokers around you at this event.

NOISE: Be considerate of your observing neighbors. Play your music so that only you can hear; please use headphones. **ABSOLUTELY NO MUSIC, GENERATORS, OR OTHER LOUD NOISE IN THE MORNINGS BEFORE NOON. GENERATORS MUST BE SHIELDED TO AVOID DISTURBING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND OFF BY 7 PM. DIESEL GENERATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

COURTESY: Treat Camp Wesumkee as if it were your own backyard. Report any problems to WSP staff. Clean up and dispose of trash in provided containers.

CHECK-OUT: You must be packed and leave the site no later than **10:00 AM Sunday.**

VIOLATION OF THE WSP OR GIRL SCOUT CAMP RULES WILL RESULT IN YOUR BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT, AND FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED!