

**St Petersburg Astronomy
New Moon Super Weekend
Rules for a Safe and Enjoyable Experience**

I. Arrival

- a. For the comfort and safety of other campers, please plan to arrive between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The Park will close at sunset and the main gate will be locked at that time. If you arrive later the gate combination will be 1946. Please be careful to lock the gate after you enter. Late arrivals will have to park in the designated parking area just east of the camping area until morning.
- b. There will be no reception tent nor reserved campsites. Upon arrival please set up at an available campsite, first come-first served. Camping fees will be collected by a Club Official sometime during your stay.
- c. The only vehicles allowed within the observing/camping area are those directly associated with camping. All other vehicles must park in the designated area immediately east of the camping area. It is important that you park with headlights facing east. Otherwise, if you decide to depart the area after darkness your headlights will blind the observers and earn their epithets. You may drive to your campsite to unload your gear only between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Driving on or near the observing field, after sundown, is not allowed. There will be no exception to this rule.

II. Pets

Pets are always welcome unless they are lions, tigers, bears, or other unruly beasts. Pets must always be under the physical control of an adult owner. Also, you must clean up after your pet for the benefit of all.

III. Lights

- a. Observing is more enjoyable when your eyes are dark adapted. White or bright lights can destroy a person's dark adaptation in an instant. You must refrain from using white flashlights. Only red lights will be permissible after dark. Please take measures to block interior lights from escaping your abode. Use the dimmest amount of light possible, consistent with safety.
- b. We do permit green laser pointers to be used for telescope alignment and astronomy discussions. However, caution must be used so they are never pointed at a person or a passing aircraft. Minors may not use green laser pointers. Remember that many of your fellow observers will be imaging, and a laser beam in the frame will ruin a long exposure. Please keep the use of laser pointers to a minimum.

IV. Campfires

No campfires are permitted on the field due to Park regulations.

V. Quiet Time

- a. Quiet Time is between the hours of 10:00 PM and 10:00 AM and noise during this time must be kept to a minimum.

b. Music has always been a part of our Dark Site activities. Music may be played at times other than quiet time. Impromptu jam sessions are particularly encouraged.

c. Generators are not permitted by park regulations.