



survival guide

Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor arts and music festival. In the spirit of the Burning Man event, Apogaea establishes a temporary autonomous zone where radical self-expression, inclusiveness, and self-reliance are the hallmarks of its participants. Apogaea is your opportunity to create and contribute, experience and evolve, share and accept, work and play.

While Apogaea is a highly entertaining place, it is more than just a diversion. You will proportionately gain what you put into your experience. Play along. Jump in with both feet. Participation is mandatory. There is as much freedom and acceptance as you require. We look forward to experiencing what you have to offer.

rules

Apogaea wishes for you to be free to create art and interact with others. Although we try to have as few rules as possible, we must have some. If you witness a violation of any of these rules, feel free to correct the situation yourself. If you don't feel comfortable with that, please inform one of the Rangers (wearing tan Ranger shirts) or someone at the Info Booth.

Tolerate and respect your fellow participants. Do not interfere with their enjoyment, art, or expression. Respect each other's personal boundaries. Take responsibility for your own experience.

Boundaries: recognize them and then respect them. People have different comfort levels with physical and emotional intimacy. There are lots of people here who have known each other for years—their boundaries with each other are going to be different than with someone they don't know. Before you assume someone wants a big kiss or a new best friend, ask them. Being direct like this is not a kill-your-buzz obligation. It is expected protocol. In practical terms? When someone says NO, it means NO. Regardless of what has happened prior to that moment, 'No' is a BIG red light. It also means that cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail is UNACCEPTABLE. You must be able to say NO.

safety

You are responsible for your own actions, safety and well-being. You're encouraged to help keep others and your neighborhood safe. Intervene if you see a potential safety hazard. Apogaea accepts no responsibility for your safety or the security of personal property.

admission

- The gate opens at noon on Thursday, June 5th. Please do not arrive early, as you will not be admitted before then
- The event ends at dusk on Sunday, June 8th. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here!
- With the exception of children 12 and under, *everyone* must have a paper ticket.
- Your hard-copy paper ticket is your only proof of payment! The gate will not have records of who purchased a ticket. Keep your ticket safe and remember to bring it with you!
- GATE TICKET SALES WILL BE CASH ONLY. Tickets at the gate will be \$60.
- Everyone *must* show their valid photo ID (for 21+ check) and must also sign a liability *waiver*. To save time at the gate, you can sign this waiver ahead of time; it will have been mailed to you with your paper tickets. It's also available at walkup outlets and on the web at www.apogaea.com
- This is an all-ages event, but for liability reasons anyone under 18 must arrive with a legal guardian and have a permission slip/liability waiver signed by their legal guardian.
- Your ticket is a revocable license. Violation of any rules, or violent or anti-social behavior may result in revocation of your ticket and ejection from the event without a refund.
- All entrants will receive a wristband; please wear your wristband at all times to show that you've officially entered the event. Those participants who are 21 and over will receive a special wristband. Wear your wristband at all times as proof that you are of legal drinking age.

driving/parking

- When arriving or leaving, drive slowly, especially at night.
- Do not park or camp next to art.
- If you block access, you may have to move parts of your camp.
- Once you park your car, you should not move it for the duration of your stay. No cruising!
- Participants who leave and return by personal vehicle may be charged a fee.
- If you do need to leave and return due to emergency, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

prohibited items

- No glass – transfer liquids to plastic containers or use cans.
- No pets – Apogaea can be a stressful environment for pets—consider a pet sitter for the weekend. Anyone attempting to bring a pet in will be turned away at the gate; if you are found with a pet while Apogaea, we'll have to ask you to pack up and leave.
- No charcoal BBQs, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives are permitted (propane stoves and propane

- barbeques may be okay, depending on the fire ban)
- No weapons of any kind – no firearms, no ammunition.
- Do not bring anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind (confetti, glitter, feather boas, loose paper, etc.)

leave no trace

- Pack out *everything* you bring (including nut shells, apple cores, toilet paper, cigarette butts, etc.)
- If your car leaks oil (even a little bit) please put something under it to catch the drips (requested by the landowner, as this land will be used for farming)
- Clean your entire campsite and surrounding areas before you leave.
- There will be limited recycling and composting services at the event—check at the Info Booth for more information.
- However, there will be NO garbage services at the event—take out all the rest of your own trash!
- Do NOT dump your trash along the way home! These small mountain communities easily become overloaded with the influx of trash created by our event. Please be considerate and take all your trash all the way home.
- During the event, please pick up any matter out of place (MOOP) as soon as you see it.
- DO NOT leave stuff in or around the portapotties, at the Info Booth, or at another camp. You're responsible for everything you bring and carry!
- Fill in any holes you made before you leave the event.
- Leave No Trace that you were ever there.

kids

Those under 18 are the responsibility of their legal guardian or an appointed adult. It is expected that parents should be in control of themselves and their children at all times.

toilets

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! Trash in the toilets will prevent us from pumping them, and will threaten the viability of the event. Don't leave stuff lying on the floors of the portapotties, or around the outside, either.

vending, commerce, and concessions

The sale of products and services is prohibited within our community. Bring what you need. The display of commercial logos or banners, or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is also prohibited. Sales of handmade items and food items "in order to cover costs of the trip" are not allowed. There is NO participant vending.. Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy.

Although there are no concessions available at the event, for your health and convenience **ice will be available** for purchase after Friday afternoon at the Info Booth. All proceeds from these sales are donated to organizations in Lake George and Park County.

alcohol

- Alcohol is permitted; drunken behavior is not.
- Underage drinking will not be tolerated and is grounds for removal from the event.
- Bring your photo ID. Your ID will be checked at the gate and is required for admission. Attendees over 21 will be given a wristband—not having your wristband on may prevent you from having access to alcohol.
- Camps or groups who supply alcohol must have a “bartender” or someone responsible for the alcohol present, at all times!
- Excessive quantities of alcohol will be confiscated at the gate.
- Glass is not allowed. Please use plastic cups or cans.

sound restrictions

In an effort to make Apo enjoyable to everyone, this year we're limiting both the number of loud sound camps and sound output at various times. If you're not registered as a sound camp, please keep your personal sound limits to within your own camp. From **4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.**, sound must be turned DOWN, and from **6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, sound should be OFF.

- Please keep your neighbors in mind. Sound from any camp must not disrupt adjacent camps. Sound systems in your camp must be held to reasonable levels.
- Sound systems are limited to certain areas of our event and must be registered in advance as a sound camp.
- Sound systems may be monitored for excessive decibel levels and may need to be turned down.
- If sound problems continue after sufficient warning, the power source for your sound system may be disabled.
- Look for signs at the event or check with Info Booth for details.

generators

- ALL generators must be sound insulated with mufflers or fireproof housing. See www.hot-pages.com/generetiquette/soundproofing.html for more information.
- Design plans for an easy and effective generator enclosure can also be found on the web.
- If you're running a genny without proper sound insulation, you'll be told to either build an enclosure or you'll need to shut it off.

fire rules (subject to county or state fire ban)

- The state and/or county may issue a comprehensive burn ban. We can by no means guarantee that we will be able to burn anything. In addition, the area that Apogaea is being held is forested, and an uncontrolled fire can have devastating consequences for participants. *Take this seriously*—fire can put the lives and property of many people at risk. *If a burn ban is in effect, smoking may be restricted to inside cars.*
- If fire art is permitted by the authorities, you still must register your fire art for pre-approval. All fire art is subject to inspection on site and, if deemed unsafe, will be shut down by Apogaea Emergency Services.
- If fire performance is permitted at the event, it must be conducted in designated fire performance areas ONLY.

regardless of fire ban status, all uses of fire must follow these requirements:

- With the exception of camp stoves, gas barbeques, and approved fire barrels, no fire of any kind will be permitted without prior approval.
- Do not put anything other than wood or cardboard into fires. NOT EVEN CIGARETTE BUTTS as these can make the ashes toxic.
- No personal campfires, charcoal BBQs, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives will be permitted.
- Cooking stoves must be on a level surface with any dry vegetation within one yard removed.
- All generators, fuel storage, and potential spark-sources must be placed in areas in which all dry vegetation has been removed.
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Butts must be disposed in designated buckets, ashtrays, or personal buttboxes. *If we have a burn ban in effect, smoking may be restricted to inside cars.*

Violation of the fire rules is grounds for removal from the event.

local, state and federal laws

Comport yourself with regard to all local, state and federal laws as you would in any municipality. Law enforcement is not expected at the event, but please be respectful if you see any. We wish our positive interactions with law enforcement to continue.

rangers

Rangers will be on duty throughout the event. These are trained volunteers who are there to act as non-confrontational community mediators and safety officers. By encouraging and facilitating communication, the Rangers promote awareness of potential hazards, from sun-stroke to tent fires. Look for the folks with tan Ranger shirts if you have a question or need help with anything.

lost and found

If you find any valued items who have lost their owners, you can return them to the lost and found station located at Info Booth. Please check here for any items you may have become separated from during the event.

photography

Ask first to be sure your subject(s) are okay with being immortalized in your photo album. Apogaea is a private event. Redistribution or public display of images, including on the internet, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. An individual may revoke her or his consent at any time. Images may only be taken for personal use and may not be used professionally or for any commercial purpose without the written approval of Apogaea, Inc.. Anyone encountering a problem with a photographer or videographer should report it to a Ranger.

preparation

self-reliance

Self-reliance is a must at Apogaea. The only amenity that will be provided is portable toilets. You must bring enough water, food, and shelter to last through the weekend—take responsibility for your survival and comfort. Do not show up expecting that the community will take care of you. Although we will have medical staff on duty, they will not have prescription medications on hand; please bring any allergy, asthma, or other personal medications that you may need. The nearest hospital is 40 miles away.

water

You must bring all your own water. It will probably be quite hot during the day, so drink water all the time whether you think you need it or not. Try to drink a gallon per day, and bring extra for cooking and cleaning. If you feel tired or cranky, drinking more water will almost always help. Users of alcohol or caffeine are particularly at risk for dehydration. Dehydration can cause headaches, stomach cramps, abdominal pains, constipation, or flu-like symptoms. If someone you know complains of these symptoms or (worse) a case of the chills under the mid-day sun, get them to shade immediately and seek prompt medical help via a Ranger or an EMS staff member. They may be experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

food

You must bring all your own food. Be wise about reduction of packaging. Take any individually wrapped items out of the larger packaging. Remember the concept of Leave No Trace: *any* trash you generate must be removed by you (biodegradable or not). This even includes the leftovers on your plate! Consider keeping your meals simple and remember that cooking is to be done on propane stoves only (no private

campfires). Any preparation of food done ahead of time not only saves you valuable festival fun time, but will also reduce the waste you generate at the event.

weather

Apogaea is being held in a forested mountain environment at an elevation of about 9100 feet. Daytime highs in June average in the 80's but nighttime lows could be anywhere from the 50's to freezing. Sudden rain storms are a possibility. Please bring plenty of warm clothes, hats, and gloves for your nighttime wanderings, especially if a burn ban is in place and we're unable to have fire barrels. Bring raingear in the event of afternoon storms. Rain can make the temperatures drop dramatically at this elevation. Those participants traveling from out of state should keep in mind that the elevation means a quick sunburn for unprotected skin and possible altitude sickness from overexertion, insufficient hydration, or alcohol intake. Be sure to bring sunscreen and insect repellent. A wide-brimmed hat is highly suggested. If lightning is present, the safest place to be is in your car. Make sure your camp, structures and personal effects are safe and secure from high winds and rain.

site-specific safety issues

- Happy Ass Ranch, the location for Apogaea, is BEAR TERRITORY! This means you must be extra-careful with food items. DO NOT store food, garbage, or cooking utensils in or near your tent. Do not sleep in the same clothes you wear while you cook. If you are camped near a car, keep anything that smells of food inside the car. If you have questions about bear mitigation or need more information, stop by the info booth.
- There may be ticks in the grasses of Happy Ass Ranch. Be sure to check yourself for ticks often, being especially aware of tight, warm spaces such as under socks or underwear. Ask at the information booth if you have questions about the best ways to remove ticks.
- The ground is rocky and uneven. Comfortable closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended.
- Bring extra flashlights and extra batteries. Attaching high-visibility flagging to guy lines is highly recommended. Covering exposed rebar stakes is a necessity (this is the most common source of injury at Burning Man)
- There will be geodesic domes and other unusual, monkeybar-looking structures at the event. They are not to be climbed on. Doing so can break either the climber or the dome (or both).

camp placement

When you arrive at the event, greeters will welcome you and provide guidance on where you may park and camp. There will be limited car camping spaces available. Please be prepared to camp away from your car—we will have separate parking areas. If you are part of a theme camp, let the Greeters know so they can direct you to your area. Place your camp so that cars can get past you to access other sites.

kids

Apogaea is an all-ages event. The presence of children creates a wonderful atmosphere at the event, and you are more than welcome to bring them along. If you bring your children, you agree to be responsible for their behavior and care at *all* times. Ultimately, the health and safety of your child is *your* responsibility. As long as you are prepared to keep your children under constant supervision, the event can be a great experience for them. However, please be aware that there may be activities that may not be suitable for children, or behavior you may not wish your children to see. Please consider carefully if this is a proper event for your child. Do not expect the community to watch your kids or to censor their behavior because there are children present. Know that certain events and areas may be off-limits to under-18s.

volunteer

Apogaea is an effort made by the community for the community; everyone involved purchases a ticket in order to support the event and for the privilege of attending. With this in mind, please join us as a volunteer to participate in making this an amazing event. Go to our volunteer webpage (apogaea.com/volunteer.php) to sign up for a short workshift ahead of time. If that isn't convenient, please stop by the Information Booth and sign up during the event. We couldn't do it all without your help!

art

Those who come to Apogaea will bring many forms of art to share with other participants. These may include music, dance, visual arts, crafts, workshops, costumes, and more. One of our basic tenets is centered around the concept of the gift economy, so whatever your special talent might be, bring it on and share it with us. Anyone who is interested in bringing any of the following forms of art must register it ahead of time to ensure that we can accommodate your needs: large art installations, theme camps, mutant vehicles, performances that require stage facilities, workshops that require use of shade structures, sound systems, and anything involving fire. Go to apogaea.com/artcamps.php to register your art.

gear checklist – the essentials

- Your photo ID
- Your ticket
- Your signed liability waiver (you may sign one at the gate if necessary)
- Water: 1.5 gallons per person, per day (for drinking, washing and food). Keep a bottle of water with you at all times.
- Enough food/beverages for your entire party
- First-aid kit
- Appropriate clothing: light clothes for during the day; very warm clothing for at night; raingear
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Bedding and shelter of some type; a good camp tent is recommended along with warm sleeping bags and sleeping pads.

- Garbage bags—leave no trace!
- Any prescription medications, contact lens supplies (disposables work great), and whatever else you need to maintain your health and comfort in a remote area with no services
- Flashlights/headlamps and spare batteries
- Sunscreen lotion and sunglasses and a big-ass hat
- Single-ply toilet paper (the port-a-potties get serviced only once a day)
- If you're a smoker, portable ashtrays for your ash and cigarette butts (Altoids tins work great)
- A cup for beverages
- Costumes! You just can't be *too* costumed, *too* decorated, *too* body-painted, *too* weird, *too* fabulous, or *too* beautiful!
- Give a spare car key to a friend who's at Apogaea. If you lock yourself out of your car, it'll be expensive to get a locksmith to come out!
- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude

gear checklist – other good stuff to have

- Ice chest(s) (some ice will be available at the Info Booth, but bring enough to be sure!)
- Earplugs—not everyone is going to want to sleep when you do
- Handi-wipes
- Toys, trinkets, baubles, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends.
- Anything you think would make things more fun for you & your fellow Apogaeans

green tips

pre-event

- **REDUCE REDUCE REDUCE** Take everything you can out of packaging
- Don't bring an abundance of perishables
- Bring an easy-to-carry plate, cup, and utensils
- Theme camps or 15+ people camping together...get together and buy kegs
- Educate virgins and all your campmates beforehand
- Volunteer now to help at event with greening efforts
- Carry a small container to pick up small trash or cigarette butts
- Bring cans only. NO BOTTLES.
- Don't bring plastic bags (paper is compostable)
- Bring a 5+ gallon jug of drinking water and refill just one water bottle throughout the event.
- Have a plan for the kitchen area in your camp for a containers of compost & recyclables
- Bring re-usable bags to pick up MOOP (matter out of place, aka litter)
- **Carpool.** Start a list online, be flexible with times and make it work!

at event

- **LEAVE NO TRACE that you were ever there.**
- Pick up all of *your* MOOP (Matter Out Of Place) & that of others. Allow some time to pick up MOOP at the end of the event...really go over your entire campsite with a fine-tooth comb and make sure you're not leaving a thing...if you can't fit items in your car, whatever situation may be, go talk to someone, re-pack, adapt...but do not leave anything at the event!
- Good deeds are contagious-- lead by example
- Pick up an Earth Guardian re-usable bag at Green Camp or Info Booth and carry around to pick up MOOP anytime.
- Set aside time/people to separate recyclables & compost from trash at your camps. Ask an Earth Guardian if you don't know what goes where.
- **PAY ATTENTION TO SIGNS AT RECYCLE STATIONS & COMPOSTER.** The system only works as well as you do.
- Pick up Greening Apogaea & Greening Your Life information at Info Booth
- Camp with Green Camp (all are welcome)
- Attend a Greening workshop (see event guide for times)
- Be proactive--if you see someone littering or not recycling/composting ask to help and teach them how it's done!
- Don't scar the ground with fire. Do not burn outside allowed areas
- If your car has a leak please place something under it that you will take back with you to catch the fluid. These fluids are toxic to the ground.

- Don't urinate or defecate on the ground—it will upset the balance of the ecosystem. The portapotties are there for a reason!
- COMPACT all your trash (feet make great compactors)...crush things
- COMPOST...much of your trash is compostable; check with Earth Guardians/Info Booth for more details. Composting is available on-site
- COMMIT to helping the Earth Guardians recycle at your camp...put someone in charge!

post-event

- Have everything tied down so you don't accidentally leave trash on the roadways
- Don't dump trash in Woodland Park or other towns. They are too small to handle our impact.
- Take recycling you decided to carry out to appropriate facility. The nearest is in Colorado Springs at 602 E. 4th St (719-633-0955) with 24 hr. drive-through service.
- Plant trees or buy carbon offset credits (www.trugreenglobe.us) for the gas used to create and transport yourself to the event.
- Take what you learn about Greening Apogaea back to the rest of your life...BE INSPIRED...and commit to being green & promoting green in your life
- TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE with our ideas and our actions

directions

- Be sure to adhere to all posted speed limits.
- Check your car for any defects (lights, etc) BEFORE driving to the event.
- Make sure your journey is safe and without conflict.

from denver (or any point north or south along i-25):

Get thee to Colorado Springs.

In Colorado Springs, take exit 141 (US-24W / Cimmaron St.)

Take the US-24W ramp toward Manitou Springs/Woodland Park.

Turn left onto Cimarron St. / US-24W and continue west for 37.7 miles to Lake George.

Go through the town of Lake George. At the west end of town, take the turnoff at the Big Green Sign that says "Eleven Mile / Spinney Mountain / State Parks." This is CR-90 / FR-247. (Note: do *not* take the Eleven Mile Reservoir exit at the east end of the town of Lake George)

Reset your trip odometer as you leave Hwy. 24. All of the following distances are from this point.

At about mile 4, you'll hit a crossroad. Turn left, staying on the pavement (now CR 92 / FR-247)

At about mile 6.5, turn right onto FR-250 (this one really sneaks up on you. Look for the Apogaea sign)

At about mile 7.1, bear right at the T-junction

At about mile 8.2, put on your permagrin and play with the greeters!

from utah and points west (via i-70):

Go east on I-70 to Frisco.

Take exit 201 toward Frisco/Breckenridge.

Turn right onto W. Main St.

Turn right onto S. Summit Blvd. / CO-9 S and continue for 31.1 miles.

Turn slight right onto US-285 / CO-9 and continue south for one mile.

Turn slight left onto CO-9 and continue for 17.2 miles.

Stay straight to go onto US-24 and continue east for 25.9 miles to Lake George.

On the west side of Lake George (before you reach the town), turn right at CR-90 at the Big Green Sign for Eleven Mile / Spinney Mountain / State Parks, and follow directions from this point as above.

if you get lost:

Have fun with it. Stop and ask for help and we'll see you after your pre-event adventure.