

Apogaea 2018: Reflection

THE SURVIVAL GUIDE

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This Survival Guide is the only thing standing between you and almost certain death!

Or worse, getting kicked out of the event. Or even worse, endangering the safety of the event and its participants. For real. Even if you're a crusty, snarky veteran, there's important new stuff in here you need to know. Read it. Reflect on it. You'll thank me later. Know who's going to find out if you haven't read this? Gate. When they quiz you and search your car. You don't need the kind of drama that comes with being unprepared. So read this carefully. It's mandatory. Or if you burners prefer, consider yourselves voluntold. Here we go...

WELCOME TO APOGAEA!

Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor art and music event held every summer in Colorado. An officially sanctioned Burning Man Regional event, Apogaea establishes a temporary autonomous zone adhering to the 10 principles of Burning Man:

Radical Inclusion

Gifting

De-Commodification

Radical Self-Reliance

Radical Self-Expression

Communal Effort

Civic Responsibility

Leave No Trace

Participation

and **Immediacy**

are expected of all participants. In addition, a deep respect for and understanding of our adopted “11th principle”, **Consent**, is demanded of all participants throughout the event, and of all community members throughout the year.

Apogaea is more than just a break from the Default World. Play along! The more you put in, the more you get out. So jump in with all of your feet (or paws, or hoofs, or claws, or tentacles) and Volunteer! Apogaea is not a spectator sport. You are creating Apogaea as you prepare for and experience it.

This year's theme is reflection. Please interpret that however you'd like! Think funhouse mirrors, echoes, and Bob Ross brushing little upside down trees in the pond. Take a step back in reflection like Stuart Smalley and deeply ponder this crazy thing you call your life. Because you're good enough, you're smart enough, and gosh darn it, you're ready to reflect. Get creative. Get weird. Get reflective.

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Event Fundamentals

Apogaea embraces The Ten Principles of Burning Man.

Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event. Pack your stuff in and pack your stuff out, down to the last little speck. The land should be left better than you found it.

Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. You may not buy or sell anything except ice provided by the event (\$3).

Apogaea requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines is one of the best ways to get yourself immediately ejected. Apogaea 2018 is under a **Stage 2 Fire Ban**, a restrictive ban that includes new rules, such as **No Smoking Outside**. Read the Fire Ban information in this guide especially carefully and watch for updated information about fire restrictions within the few days before the event.

Apogaea does not condone illegal activity of any kind, either during the event, or en route to and from the event.

Apogaea requires all participants to purchase a ticket.

Apogaea requires all participants to obtain the enthusiastic consent of other participants in your encounters. This includes, but is not limited to, any physical interaction including hugs, and any photography, video, or audio recording.

Tickets and Liability Waivers

Every participant at Apogaea must have a ticket (with the exception of children 12 and under). Each participant will be given a wristband at gate, which must be worn at all times during the event. **Anyone found not wearing a wristband will be subject to ejection from the event.** Participants under the age of 21 will be given a wristband of a different color.

Every participant must also bring a signed [Liability Waiver](#). You will not receive a wristband and entry to the event without this signed waiver. Do not assume Gate will have a waiver for you to sign. Be radically self-reliant or be radically prepared to turn your car around and find a place to print one. Yes, on paper. Feel free to make it hemp paper, ya hippies.

Photography and Videography

Apogaea is a private event. Apogaea participants should feel free to express themselves in ways they might not be able to in the Default World. **You must ask before photographing, videotaping, or recording anyone. If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately.** In addition, redistribution or public display of images, including on the internet, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. Read more in the “Apogaea Media & Propaganda” section below.

Fire Ban 2018: New Restrictions, Please Read Carefully

Due to a particularly dry year in Colorado and the increased threat of wildfires, Apogaea will be under an especially restrictive Level 2 fire ban for 2018. All rules from last year's Level 1 Fire Ban are in effect:

- There will be no ember producing fires permitted at Apogaea.
- Unmodified commercial propane or liquid fuel heaters will be allowed.
- No solid fuels of any kind will be permitted. This includes but is not limited to wood, charcoal, cardboard, and candles.

In addition, the Level 2 ban, in conjunction with BAMF and DPW, adds the following restrictions to this year's event. Please note these are **County-Wide Restrictions**, do not complain to Apogaea management:

- There will be **No Smoking Outdoors**. Yes, really. Not cigarettes, not pipes, nothing that involves fire. You can smoke inside vehicles. Other accommodations will be determined by the Fire Marshall and BAMF immediately prior to the event, such as whether there will be designated safe smoking areas, and whether smoking in fire-retardant tents will be allowed. Please be prepared to assume there will be no smoking except in vehicles.
- We are currently expecting that propane fueled art and fires will be allowed, under BAMF guidelines. **All fire art needs to be preregistered through CATS and/or BAMF BEFORE the event.** If you are not already registered please email BAMF@apogaea.com before the event for guidelines and approval. **DO NOT test or fire art or have any flame before your BAMF FAST inspection onsite.** You will be informed closer to the event if there are any changes and should adhere to the final word from BAMF prior to the event.
- Personal propane fire pits may be allowed depending on fire conditions. Please come check in at BAMF for requirements and to set up a quick inspect before you use them.
- **All camps (even if your camp is you and a tent) that have propane fueled fire must have a clearly marked and accessible fire extinguisher visible in the dark.** If you don't have a visible sign, DPW will provide a sign, T-post and labor to install the sign to make your extinguisher as visible as possible.
- Fire performances are also expected to be allowed, within the fire circle ONLY, under guidelines and supervision of the official fire performers for the event. For questions regarding fire performers, contact fire_performer@apogaea.com.

See the fire status page (<http://apogaea.com/the-event/prepare/fire-status/>) for updated information, as well as Fire Information in the B*A*M*F section below.

Consent

The safety of our participants is of utmost importance to the Apogaea community and event. People should be able to safely express themselves and enjoy the event, without having to worry about their personal safety. This year, we are strengthening our commitment to protect the consent and safety of all participants. Each participant has the right to set or change personal boundaries regarding interaction with other participants. If you are told NO, asked to stop, or otherwise not given clear and ongoing consent, this means you must immediately stop what you are doing and respect the boundaries being set for you. Period. Our community looks out for each other. We do not tolerate any violations of consent, and in particular, egregious ones in which predators in any way attempt to

take advantage of participants, some of whom may be in a compromised state. As of this printing, the community conversation on ways to help protect our members is ongoing. Please participate and stay tuned as we work to be better and to provide members with tools and support. Be aware of what's going on around you. Keep an eye out for situations in which you believe another participant might not be fully consenting (or fully capable of consent). Engage a Ranger if you think it might be necessary. Do not escalate any situation or introduce violence of any kind, but do not stand by while you see someone in an unsafe position.

Having said all that... Apogaea is a place to connect with people, decide who you want to be and what you want to do. If you respect everyone around you, consent can be fun and sexy! Get your flirt on. If you connect with someone and tell him you really want to kiss him, and he says HELL YES, well we're happy for you 2 crazy kids. Always ask first.

Event Checklist, You Must Bring:

- Ticket, photo ID, and a signed liability waiver.** (You may want a copy of your photo ID too, in case you lose it. Even with an over 21 wristband, you will be required to show ID before any camp will serve you alcohol.) Aren't most tickets at WILL CALL?
- Water:** 3 gallons per person, per day. Piss clear! You may need more water and electrolytes than you do at home.
- First Aid kit, toiletries and prescriptions:** single-ply toilet paper, prescription drugs, soap, insulin, ibuprofen/aspirin, lube, contact solution, toothpaste, condoms, and anything else you need to maintain your health and comfort. **Gate may ask to see your first aid kit before you are allowed into the event. Have it ready.**
- Enough **food for your entire stay** and a way to prepare it. You must have enough food and water for the event or you will be turned away until you come back prepared. Non-perishable food can be donated at the end of the event at Gate, that will be donated to local food banks in Trinidad. Please bring extra to donate.
- Weather-appropriate clothing.** Colorado's weather is notoriously fickle. Anything can and probably will happen. Extreme sun and heat, giant hail, rain or snow. Sometimes all within a couple hours! Be ready for all of it. Think of it as an opportunity to show off a diverse wardrobe of giant fur coats, onesies, bikinis and tutus.
- Appropriate shoes.** Apogaea's home is full of cacti and other painful spikes. The ground is uneven, and a storm could leave the ground muddy and slippery. Don't come in your bare hippie feet or bring a pair of flip flops and expect to be fine because it's summer. Have hiking boots, waterproof boots, and anything you need to keep your feet safe and dry.
- Bedding and shelter.** This is Colorado. You will need protection from the sun, the cold, and maybe rain and hail. A poncho and a hammock is unlikely to be enough. And as cute as you are, don't assume somebody will take you in. Your temporary home is your radical responsibility.
- Extra long tent stakes or rebar**, as the dirt is loose and you don't want your tent blowing away. It always happens. Don't be that guy.
- Garbage and recycling bags:** This is a **Leave No Trace** event and no trash services will be provided! You are responsible to remove everything you brought in with you, and to leave the space at least as good as you found it. Anything you're not prepared to pack out should not be brought in.
- Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat.** The sun is intense in Colorado One day of running around in a halter top without a hat and sunscreen could leave you burnt and miserable for the rest of the event. Be prepared.
- Flashlights and/or head lamps with spare batteries.** It's dark out there at night. You'll want to see where you're going, and where you're aiming in the porta potties!
- Lights or reflective materials for your outfit and your bike.** Again, it's dark out there at night. Not only do you need to see, but you need other people to see you to avoid unpleasant collisions. And it's another chance to art yourself up! DON'T BE A DARKTARD.
- Something to mark or cover your tent stakes** (and tie-downs). You can cap rebar or stakes with tennis balls, mark your tie-downs with solar lights, add glow tape or paint to your stakes and wires. Make sure everyone can see your gear in the dark. Anyone who's been on the receiving end of a 3am rebar to the shin knows why this is important.

We strongly suggest you bring:

A reusable cup or mug. Don't miss out when someone offers you the best drink at Apogaea because you didn't have a cup!

Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets, canopies, tarps, tents, parachutes, and/or something to break the midday sun.

Earplugs. Expect noise at any point during the event, including when you want to sleep. You may also want to protect your eardrums as you cozy up to the thumping speakers.

Wet wipes/Handi-wipes. You will be deeply happy to have these, sometimes your only respite from living in your own filth for days. Keep these out of the porta potties, though. Pack them in, pack the used ones out with your trash.

Cameras and watertight protective bags. You will see incredible things at Apogaea. Some hard to describe! Let your pictures (taken with the consent of anyone included) be a memory to share after you've returned to the default world.

Costumes. This is a chance to turn yourself into art to share with everyone. Be whomever you want to be, wearing whatever you want to wear! But leave the feathers, glitter, or any other moop-producing things at home. Your costume should leave as it came, with a little extra dirt.

Gifts, toys, trinkets, a volunteer shift or better two, baubles, sunscreen, stickers, performing music, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends. Handmade? Even better.

Labels. Put your name and contact information on EVERYTHING! Cameras, phones and keys are really hard to return to you if they don't have labels.

Bikes. Biking is an awesome, fast way to get around the event. Bring your bike locks and put reflectors or lights on your bikes so everyone can see you. Take pictures of your bike and label it with your name and address (in Default and at Apogaea) so if you get separated, you can find each other again. Spare tubes, patch kits and the ability to use them are a must. It's cactusville.

Duct tape, Reflective tape, zip ties, and Swiss army knife or leatherman: There's nothing you can't MacGyver with this tool kit.

Insect repellent.

An **extra set of keys** that you can leave with a friend.

!!! DO NOT BRING !!!

Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind.

Burn barrels, fire pits, or any ember-producing fire source.

Glow sticks. Use LED lights instead.

Charcoal grills (propane grills are OK, see specific instructions in the Fire section of this guide).

Pets. We know you love them. So you want them to be safe and happy at home. Apogaea is not safe or appropriate for your animals. Last year people showed up to the event with animals and were turned away at the gate. If you believe you have a qualifying ADA service animal, contact dianeoverbye@gmail.com prior to the event.

Stuff you want to sell. NO MONEY should exchange hands at Apogaea. Gifting, however, is wonderful and encouraged!

Feathers of any kind. Feathers produce MOOP (matter out of place). Get creative with faux furs and other fun materials that will stay attached to you or your outfit without any bits coming off.

Glass containers of any kind. Guess what? When glass breaks it is sharp!

Excess packaging from food (for example, remove outer box from cereals and just bring the bag).

Glitter or sequins or anything that will break up and blow away in the wind like confetti, loose paper, etc. It all ends up as MOOP and leaves you and the Leave No Trace team with an almost impossible task to remove all traces of those small bits.

Nuts in their shells. Treat yourself and get them shelled so you don't have to deal with the trash.

Styrofoam coolers. Styrofoam + camping = MOOP everywhere. Just don't.

Hand-held lasers. They are dangerous. **They can blind people.** Enough said!

Support the Local Economy

Let's be great neighbors to the communities surrounding Apogaea. The nearest gas station, food co-op, shopping center and liquor store to Apogaea are located in Trinidad, Colorado, which you will probably pass about 20 minutes before you arrive at the event site. The community knows about the event and looks forward to our bringing them business.

Save on gas by driving down light, and buying your water, liquor, and other supplies down there. Stop for a meal on your way in or out. Get last-minute supplies at the local hardware store or ice at a local convenience store. Every purchase we make in the local economy helps build goodwill. Be especially kind, friendly, and helpful, and let everyone you interact with know that you are an Apogaea participant

Getting There

Directions

The event is located near the town of Valdez, Colorado, approximately 90 minutes south of Pueblo. Driving directions are available at <https://apogaea.com/venue-gate>.

Secure your Load

Loading your vehicle properly, as well as anything your vehicle is towing, is crucial to a safe drive to and from the event for you and your stuff! Leave No Trace of your journey behind on the roads.

Here are some precautions to help make your load safe:

- Do not exceed the load or towing capacity of your vehicle or trailer
- Do not exceed the weight recommendations for the trailer and hitch.
- Load your vehicle safely. Heavy items should be located low, centered and over or between the axles. For trailers, load the heaviest items toward the front.
- Secure your load.
- Make sure that the brakes and lights work for the vehicle and the trailer.
- Always use safety chains.

Do not overload the roof.

The Gate

Be prepared before your arrival at the gate:

- Have your ticket, if it is a paper ticket, or be sure that gate has your ticket information if it is a directed ticket, such as ignition or for certain volunteers
- Have your government-issued photo ID
- Have enough food, water, and equipment to survive the event
- Have a signed [liability waiver](#)
- Stay in your car until directed otherwise by Gate staff
- Gate may ask to see your first aid kit, have it easily accessible

Other considerations:

- Your vehicle will be searched
- Follow the direction of the Gate volunteers and move your vehicle when directed
- Working Gate is a tough shift that takes participants away from the event to sweat and search your cars. Respect and appreciate your gate volunteers, and maybe show them some love with a cold beverage or other way to brighten their day
- Drive slowly for safety and to keep down dust
- You will be required to verbally acknowledge that you understand the policies in this guide
- **If you need to leave and return DUE TO EMERGENCY, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.**

Gate Hours

If you arrive outside the operational hours for the gate, you will be turned away. Please prepare accordingly and arrive when the gate is open.

Early Entry for Pre-Approved Participants ONLY*: Wednesday 6/6 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Gate will be staffed Wednesday morning for volunteers with shifts beginning at noon, but early entry for all others begins at noon.

Thursday 6/7 - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 6/8 - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 6/9 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

ALL GATE HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

***See the Early Entry section for more information.**

Early Entry

Early entry is available to volunteers, members of Ignition, and in some cases pre-approved crew who are setting up art installations or theme camps. Early Entry is for setup for pre-event staff and volunteers ONLY. Every individual arriving prior to gate open on Thursday must be approved for early entry, regardless of your relationship to others with early entry, or the entire vehicle will be turned away until the event begins on Thursday.

Contact dpw@apogaea.com for more information.

In-and-Out Policy

Participants are expected to remain at the event until you're ready to leave. If you do need to leave the event DUE TO EMERGENCY and wish to re-enter, you will need to purchase a \$10 per person in-and-out wristband with Gate upon leaving the event. You will need to have your ticket and photo ID on you, as you will need those and your wristband to re-enter. Unlike previous years, there will be no pre-registration for in-and-out access. All must purchase a pass on-site and exit and re-enter during Gate hours.

Greeters

Greeting is an important part of the Apogaea experience. You will receive your first Welcome Homes that separate you from the Default World, and lots of hugs (only with your enthusiastic consent! If you want a handshake, or no contact, that is your choice!) The Greeters will also quiz you on the contents of this Survival Guide and will be only too happy to educate and punish you for failing. Contact greeters@apogaea.com for more information.

Parking

Carpooling to and from the event is **highly recommended**. It will save you on gas money, be better for the planet, and give you that full band sound when you belt out Bohemian Rhapsody somewhere south of Colorado Springs.

The status of parking and car camping will be decided by the fire marshal immediately before the event based on fire safety conditions. Please be prepared for both of these scenarios:

- Car camping not allowed: You will be able to drive your car to your camp, take 30 minutes to unload your car, and will then drive back out to park in a lot, from which you will be shuttled back to the event. Your car will remain in the parking lot until the end of the event.
- Car camping allowed: You will be able to keep cars at the event in your camps. Camp leads may want to prepare a plan for cars so that your camp layout doesn't turn into a parking lot. You will also need to make sure that brush is cleared from underneath any place you plan to park cars. If car camping is allowed, all cars will be marked in order to make it easy to find their owners in case of emergency.

Event Staff

Law Enforcement

Familiarize yourself with regard to all local, state and federal laws as you would in any municipality. Law enforcement is expected to tour the event in order to inspect for compliance with our permit. Please be respectful when you see local officials of any sort (or any people of any sort, probably). We wish our interactions with all law enforcement and county officials to remain positive, so feel free to say hello! Remember that, like anyone, you should obtain consent before giving free hugs to the local law enforcement or other officials

Rangers

Rangers will be on duty throughout the event. Rangers are trained volunteers who are there to act as non-confrontational community mediators and safety officers. By encouraging and facilitating communication, Rangers promote awareness of potential hazards including everything from sunstroke to tent fires. Rangers can be identified by their tan Ranger shirts,

Ranger hats, or Ranger laminates. They are members of our community and you should feel free to request their assistance at any time (for things including but not limited to consent issues, lost children, camp conflicts, physical hazards, summoning medical or fire or other emergency assistance, or moral support if you're having one of those great but painful life-changing moments many experience at Apogaea). Contact rangers@apogaea.com for more information.

Ministry of Conformity

Ministry of Conformity (everyone must conform to the standard by wearing a wristband) is there to make sure that everyone on the property has permission to be there and that you stay within the event boundaries which are marked with colored tape. They will be checking wristbands throughout the event; show them your wristbands with a smile. Help them out and report anyone you see without a wristband. Keep in mind, they're here to protect you and the event.

Info Booth

If you have a question during the event, this is the place to start. Info Booth staffers can help you get answers to a lot of your questions, or at the very least, can get you pointed in the right direction. We will have sound maps, camp maps, WWW guides, a message board, daily schedules, lost & found, and can help put you in contact with other departments during the event.

Contact infobooth@apogaea.com for more information.

Bureau of Apogaea Medical & Fire (B*A*M*F*)

BAMF is the organization that oversees fire safety for art burns, and provides the Apogaea community with emergency fire-fighting and medical services. BAMF this year is partly staffed by contracted outside help for emergency fire and medical services, and also staffed by community volunteers who are trained in these fields. BAMF exists to help manage unplanned emergency situations during the event and is not a substitute for your own planning for safety.

Safety

In case of severe weather, forest fire, or other need for evacuation, please come to Center Camp for more information, and listen for announcements broadcast on the large sound systems. Do NOT attempt to leave in your own vehicle unless instructed to do so - traffic jams or stuck vehicles could endanger lives during an emergency.

B*A*M*F* Rules for Staying Alive

Apogaea might be a magical wonderland away from the Default World, but we can't quite change the nature of reality enough to stop you from getting hurt. You are responsible for your own survival, safety and well-being, and those of your children.

- Collaboration – Again this year, Apogaea's Medical volunteers are collaborating with an event EMS team in order to expand our level of care. BAMF and our contractor have essential infrastructure and personnel to offer services to treat major and minor illnesses and trauma. Apogaea's Medical volunteers will continue to operate within the scope of basic first aid, and they consist of doctors, nurses, medics, and other professionals who donate their time and medical expertise as their gift to the community. Our agenda remains the same: make sure our friends and family get the assistance they need, and if we are unable to provide that assistance on-site then we will help them get to where they need to be.
- **Practice Radical Self-Reliance - BRING A FIRST AID KIT & ALL OF YOUR MEDICATIONS** (including inhalers). Doctors don't need to be giving you band aids and sunscreen. Be prepared to handle small issues yourself, don't overload the medical team and prevent them from focusing on serious medical issues.
- **B*A*M*F Medical Station** - Should your illness or injury be more severe than you can manage without help from your community of friends, there is a medical station centrally located and identifiable by a B*A*M*F sign. Your survival is your responsibility. But if you do need immediate assistance, look for a Ranger or any Apogaea Volunteer with a radio.
- **Remember to light yourself at night!** Should we have an emergency, we may have some large emergency vehicles moving around onsite and we want to be seen!

B*A*M*F Rules for radical self-reliance

You are able to prevent 95% of all illnesses and here is how: As we test our limits at Apogaea, just remember, we are human and it's ok to stop and replenish so we can continue to play. Your bad day can affect those around you, so make good choices.

1. **Piss Clear** – Apogaea can get quite hot and sunny, with temperatures sometimes up to 100°F during the day with little shade. It will get cooler at night. As you explore and participate within Apogaea remember to be prepared for the extreme environment and bring shade and enough water for you and your kids.

2. **Prevent the Sh!ts** – Wash your hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer or soap and water. Wipes are great, but you must leave no trace including in the porta potties! Pack your wipes out with your garbage. Rinse your dishes in a 10% bleach solution, then rinse again with water.
3. **Electrolytes and Snacks** – You will lose water and electrolytes without a sweat at Apogaea. Keep a snack with you at all times, and be prepared to share. Bring snacks that replenish sodium, sugar and potassium and keep an eye out for your friends. The first sign is a change in mood.
4. **Rest and Cuddle** – Rest when you can. Sleep deprivation can make the signs and symptoms of dehydration and electrolyte imbalance worse. It's amazing what a disco nap can do for you and a friend.
5. **Altitude-related Illnesses** – #1, #2, #3, & #4 can prevent most altitude related illnesses. NOW Altitude Sickness is different. Changes in topographical elevation (Sea Level to Mile High), can affect your heart and the pressures within your skull. If you develop nausea / vomiting, uncontrollable headaches or shortness of breath, AND are not able to resolve them through #1, #3, and #4. Stop by the B*A*M*F tent for supportive care.
6. **Acute Intoxication** - Watch out for your friends, and yourself. Don't over indulge – there is lots of time at Apogaea to have fun, so pace yourself and be smart.

If your friends are experiencing signs of acute intoxication including unresponsiveness, difficulty breathing, altered mental status, or a gut feeling something is not going right, seek assistance from Rangers or BAMF immediately and we will get them on the right track.

Bureau of Apogaea Medical & Fire (B*A*M*F*) Risky Business

Apogaea takes place on the same land as it did the last 2 years, a high-altitude, grassland/desert-like cattle ranch. This location is Colorado Wild West tough. So do not expect pristine walkways and campsites. There are a few things you should be aware of:

- **Water Catches/Ponds** - Run off is being collected in the form of several ponds, and this water is used by the local wildlife as drinking water. ALL participants are prohibited from playing in these waters.
(IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)
- **Gas Wells** - An oil company has mineral rights to the property and is currently extracting natural gas. All infrastructure and participants are restricted to 150 feet from each well. These areas will be clearly marked. Do not cross the barriers or marked 'no entry' zones.
(IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)

- **Ditches** - This is virgin land, which includes several natural ravines with large drops. It is highly advised that you be attentive to where you step, and that you refrain from entering the ravines. Bring a light, wear hard toe shoes and watch your kids and friends.
- **Cacti** - While the last 2 years have removed many of the larger cactus plants from the land, there are still many cacti there. Please do not sit or walk barefoot on the natural vegetation. If you have to remove cactus needles from your skin, duct tape works well. If you must remove the cacti from your immediate camping area, use a shovel, and pile the cacti up in one area, rather than scattering them across the land. Mark your cactus pile with something that glows in the dark for the event so no one stumbles across it accidentally.
- **Mosquitoes** - The ponds may attract mosquitoes, plan accordingly.
- **Wildlife** - Bear, elk, deer, coyote, fox, rattlesnakes, birds of prey, etc. are all residents of the property. Please respect that it's their home first - give them a wide berth, do not approach their young/ calving or sleeping areas, and do not leave your food unattended. **There are also Elk calving areas very near our event site.** Elk can be territorial. If you see an elk, even if it is cute, please do not approach it. Stay away from it and report its presence to a Ranger or to other safety services personnel. If an animal becomes a danger or a nuisance, alert a Ranger to the situation, and do not take matters into your own hands. Colorado carries its own risks of bugs (ticks and spiders), rattlesnakes, and wildlife. Though stories of rattlesnakes at previous events on this land may have been somewhat exaggerated. Be aware, store your food properly and don't harass the wildlife. If you see a snake, freeze and slowly back away. Find a Ranger or other safety lead and report it. They most often sun themselves on large rocks. Avoid these areas, especially during the sunniest part of the day.

Emergency Transport

Participants are 100% responsible for the costs of emergency transport. Apogaea will not cover the expense of any emergency transport. You should first work with the onsite medical team who can help to quickly assess your issue, and may be able to resolve it for you. They will know if emergency transport is necessary for your safety.

Fire Information & Performance

As you read above, Apogaea 2018 is under a Stage 2 Fire Ban. Many specifics of the ban will be decided based on safety considerations and county policy at the time of the event. Remember that our best chance to have any fire rules relaxed from the most restrictive possibilities is to demonstrate to the fire marshall that we take fire seriously and are complying with all regulations.

No wood, charcoal, or solid-fuel fires that can emit sparks will be permitted anywhere at the event.

No smoking outside.

Dependent upon weather conditions, propane fueled art and fires may also be prohibited - Apogaea will inform participants as we get closer to the event if this occurs.

The area where the event is held is grassland and an uncontrolled fire would have devastating consequences for participants, the environment, the local community, and the future of Apogaea. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN. Again, NO ember-producing fires are allowed.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FIRE RULES IS GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE EVENT, IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS.

All uses of fire must follow these requirements:

- No in-ground campfires, charcoal barbecues, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives are allowed.
- Any Propane fire art, circles, or appliances larger than a camp stove must be inspected by BAMF before use.
- Cooking stoves must be on an elevated surface or 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. Please see the section about 'Generators' in this Survival Guide, and the new 'Fuel and Hazmat Storage' sections for more information.
- Help your fellow participants by keeping an eye out for dangerous fire situations. Report any violations to B*A*M*F or an Apogaea Ranger.

Fuel and Hazmat Storage: New for 2018

Any large scale storage will need to be approved by BAMF BEFORE the event by emailing BAMF@apogaea.com. The local fire department may require additional conditions depending on placement of fuel storage.

Apogaea 2018 has adopted Black Rock City's policies on fuel storage in order to prevent fuel spills or leaks during this time of heightened fire risk, and to make sure we Leave No Trace of fuel behind. The policies below come directly from Burning Man.

Fuel Guidelines

Most fuel spills result from improper storage and transfer of fuel. Fuel will expand with heat. Never fill your fuel containers past 80%, no matter if you use a five gallon fuel can or a 55 gallon drum.

Fuel must be stored and transported in containers designed and rated for the type of fuel within. These containers must be in good working order and free from defects or leaks. Apogaea reserves the right to refuse containers found to be unusable or a hazard.

Protect the earth from fuel spills. All containers, regardless of size, must be stored within “secondary containment” basins. These basins must be capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest single fuel container stored within it.

Follow the guidelines below when storing containers of fuel.

Large Scale Storage

- No more than two 55-gallon fuel drums (or no more than a total of 110 gallons of fuel) may be stored in a camp.
- Do not fill fuel containers more than 80% of capacity to allow for heat expansion; do not fill past the maximum fill line marked on containers.
- All fuel containers, regardless of size, must be stored within “secondary containment” basins capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest single fuel container stored within it. For large fuel containers, a secondary containment solution can be as simple as a fuel pallet or a plastic kiddie pool. If a fuel container should fail, a secondary containment basin will catch all the fuel.
- Fuel and flammables must be stored in approved containers that must remain closed except when filling or dispensing.
- Fuel containers should be “UL” certified for safety and in good condition.

Small Scale Storage (one to five gallons)

- All fuel containers, regardless of size, must be stored within “secondary containment” basins. If a fuel container should fail, a secondary containment basin will catch all the fuel. For small fuel containers, a secondary containment solution can be as simple as a cement mixing tub or fuel-resistant tarp with a raised frame placed beneath to create a containment area.
- Fuel containers (even little ones) should not be filled more than 80% of capacity to allow for heat expansion. Do not fill past the maximum fill line marked on containers.
- Fuel containers are to remain closed except when filling or dispensing.
- Fuel containers should be CARB and EPA certified.
- Never use fuel containers that are degraded by the sun, cracked or damaged.

Fuel Storage Area Safety Guidelines

- No more than two 55 gallon fuel drums (or no more than a total of 110 gallons of fuel) may be stored in a camp. [MANDATORY]
- A safety radius of 100 ft. must separate fuel storage areas between neighboring camps. [MANDATORY]
- A safety radius of 10 ft. must separate fuel storage areas from heat sources such as burn barrels, grills/stoves, running generators, RVs, trailers, tents, camp structures, and public areas. [MANDATORY]
- Within 10 ft. of your fuel storage, keep a fire extinguisher easily visible and accessible. [MANDATORY] We recommend a 40-B rating / five pound fire extinguisher.

- Fuel storage area must be kept away from where it can be struck by vehicles. [MANDATORY] Fuel storage areas must be protected from vehicle collision. Establish a safety perimeter around fuel storage areas using caution tape or equivalent.
- If your fuel must be in the sun, make sure that it's only filled to 80% so that when the fuel expands, it does not break your container. [MANDATORY]
- Fuel should not be stored inside or under a living area. [RECOMMENDED]
- Storing fuel in the shade is recommended, particularly in a designated fuel storage depot. However, fuel should never be stored in a confined space, under or near a structure or vehicle, or close to sources of ignition. [RECOMMENDED]
- "NO SMOKING – FLAMMABLE" signage must be visible from all four directions around fuel storage areas. [RECOMMENDED]

Fuel Spills & Ground Protection

- Bring a shovel and sealable five-gallon bucket for removing fuel spills and contaminated soil from the playa and take it with you post event to dispose of.
- Fuel spills and contaminated soil that are larger than 5 gallons must be reported to Rangers or BAMF. Any Apogaea staff member with a radio can also help you call for help. Reports should include location and contact person. Possible sources of ignition should be eliminated in the area of a spill. Vapors can travel significant distance away from the spill.

Fire Hazards

- Do not fuel generators while they are running.
- Beware the dangers of static electricity. A spark can ignite gas vapors. Static can be generated anytime fuel is moving from one container to another.

Fire Performance

Fire performances, if allowed, will only be within the fire circle as part of the fire performance group. For more information, contact fireperformer@apogaea.com.

Delivery of Utilities Onsite

DPW is working this year with vendors to provide onsite delivery during the event of potable water, propane, diesel, and gasoline. If demand exists, there could be additional delivery days added for any of these items. Please contact Ryan Gies on Facebook or at Rhino@apogaea.com to let him know what you'd like to order or for any questions.

Water

- Potable Water is currently scheduled for delivery on 6/2, 6/7, and 6/9.
- Larger deliveries will be \$125 for 1000 gallons of water.
- Smaller deliveries are 15 cents a gallon with a 5 gallon minimum. Smaller deliveries will be at Center Camp.
- Gray water disposal will follow Burning Man rules, be prepared to take it out of the event with you.

Propane

- Propane is currently scheduled for delivery on 6/2, 6/7, 6/8, and 6/9.
- Propane will be \$2/gallon (cheaper than Denver!) with a 40 lb tank minimum to fill your containers. Small 25Lb containers will not be filled, only 40 and 100 lb containers will be filled.

Diesel Fuel

- Diesel fuel is currently scheduled for delivery on 6/4, 6/7, and 6/9, for about \$3.25/gal (price subject to change).

Gasoline

- Gasoline is currently scheduled for delivery on the same dates as Diesel, for about \$3.50/gal. This gasoline cannot be used to fuel cars and trucks, only machines.

Participate

You are Apogaea. There are no spectators. Here are some ways to get involved:

Volunteer

Apogaea is an effort made by the community for the community. We the People make it happen. Volunteering is an integral part of the Apogaea experience. Volunteering is also a great way to interact with your community, meet cool people and learn some pretty amazing skills. Without volunteers, Apogaea would not exist!

Departments looking for volunteers during the event include: Gate (for people who like lists and wristbands and being intimidating), Greeters (for enthusiastic people who like giving hugs), Lamplighters (who light the city without fail), Center Camp (for those who love to be in the middle of it all), De-Greeters (for people who like to assess your ability to drive safely and who like goodbyes), Floaters (who do all the things, all the time), Parking (valets to the stars), Placement (for people who like Tetris or Jenga but with theme camps), DPW (who built this city and will tear it down and leave no trace in their wake), Info Booth (for those who know the value of information), Ministry of Conformity (for those who love staring at wrists and following rules), BAMF (for superheroes with medical and fire emergency training), and Rangers (who like to be responsible, sober, wear matching outfits, and resolve situations).

Before the event, you may sign up for work shifts for a number of different positions at <http://volunteer.apogaea.com/>. During the event, you may stop by the Volunteer Booth to see what shifts are available.

Personal Boundaries

Recognize and respect people's personal boundaries. We can't say enough about CONSENT.

People have different comfort levels with physical and emotional intimacy. Before you assume someone wants a big kiss or a new best friend, ask them. When someone says NO, it means NO. If someone can't or doesn't answer, that should be taken as a no. **Silence is not consent. Only enthusiastic, active and ongoing consent is consent.**

It also means that cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail is UNACCEPTABLE.

Art

Apogaea participants will bring many forms of art to share with other participants, including music, dance, visual arts, crafts, workshops, costumes, and anything else they want to bring to the Apogaea experience. Whatever your special talent might be, we want to see it!

Some forms of art require special accommodation and should have already been registered. Large scale art installations, theme camps, mutant vehicles, performances that require stage facilities, workshops that require the use of shade structures, sound systems, lasers, and anything involving fire, should already be registered.

Mutant Vehicles (aka Art Cars)

Mutant vehicles should also already be registered. Mutant vehicles must meet certain standards of structural and mechanical integrity. This standard applies to all Mutant Vehicles at all times. A violation of public safety could result in immediate eviction from the event.

- All Mutant Vehicle policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of Apogaea (in case of weather or other emergency).
- Mutant vehicles will fall into two categories, large and small. Small vehicles will be based on golf carts/ATVs/quads, etc., and large vehicles will be based on cars/trucks etc., and will be subject to additional safety requirements.
- All mutant vehicles should be preregistered, with all drivers and contact data listed (camp, how to contact, etc.)
- Unless otherwise notified, all mutant vehicles must remain stationary during daylight hours, and will only be permitted to move at night, while fully illuminated.

- Large vehicles will require a walking spotter at all times, and the spotter and driver will be required to have radio contact.
- No mutant vehicles will be permitted to have flame effects.
- All mutant vehicles operators must be sober.
- All mutant vehicles must remain parked and immobile in the Mutant Gallery when not authorized to move.

What if you don't want to follow the Mutant Vehicle Rules with your Mutant Vehicle?

Well, you're gonna have a bad time. Failure to abide by the above rules will result in immediate loss of driving privileges. These people can revoke your driving privileges and take your keys: Event Leads, Rangers and Board members. If any of these people revoke your driving privileges, you must surrender your keys, and the Event Lead will return them to you Sunday at 10 AM. You also might not get to have the art car or driver operating at future events. You worked so hard on that Mutant Vehicle. Don't mess it up now.

Youth

Children of all ages are welcome at Apogaea. Including children in the event creates a wonderful atmosphere. Just like the rest of us, children at Apogaea are encouraged to bring art, volunteer and otherwise participate. That said, Apogaea is not a kid-focused event and anyone considering bringing a child must understand that parts of the event may be inappropriate, uncomfortable, and unsafe for children.

Everyone under 18 must arrive with a legal guardian and have a [liability waiver](#) signed in person at the gate by a legal guardian. Legal guardians must accurately complete a "Tiny Human Tracking Form" for each child upon arriving, and must turn it in to on-site Rangers to keep on file immediately after getting settled into camp.

In past years this form was optional, but it is now required. The current location for Apogaea has a significant increase in the level of physical hazards present, which requires compliance with much stricter safety precautions.

Parents should review this information carefully prior to the event, and then to evaluate whether it is appropriate to bring their children to the event. Do not assume that all hazards can or will be marked, or that any sort of physical safety barrier will be present.

Families will be REQUIRED to adhere to the following (failure to adhere may be grounds for ejection, See "How to Get Kicked Out" section below

1. Guardians are required to fill out the “Tiny Human Tracking Form” upon entry into the event for each of their children under 18, and ensure it is accurate and properly filed with the Rangers on-site. This form will be associated with an identifier on the child’s wristband, so that in the event of a child being lost or separated from their parent they can be quickly reunited; or their parents/camp located quickly in case of injury or emergency.
2. **The child’s legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that the child is supervised at all times by a responsible adult.** (see below for elaboration on these points)
 - a. Due to the hazardous nature of the land, children 12 and younger must be under the direct control of a responsible adult at all times. **(Direct control means that an adult is physically present with and in sight of a child at all times).**
 - b. During the hours of 10 pm to 5 am, anyone under 18 years of age (“minors”) must be accompanied by a responsible adult. They do not have to be in their camp, but they cannot be unaccompanied. Sleeping children cannot be left unaccompanied in camp.
 - c. From 5 am to 10 pm, children ages 13-17 are permitted to roam more widely as long as they are under proper supervision of a responsible adult. “Proper supervision” varies by individual child, but may include such things as being in radio contact, or having knowledge of the parent/child’s location with regularly scheduled in-person check-ins.
 - d. All participants under the age of 18 are required to be able to find and identify their responsible adult at all times. If the child is temporarily being supervised by a responsible adult other than the legal guardian, then that adult must be able to find the legal guardian.
3. To qualify as a “responsible adult” for the purposes of supervising a child or children, a participant must fulfill all of the following requirements:
 - a. Be at least 18 years of age.
 - b. Be in full control of their mental and physical faculties (i.e. the adult may not be inebriated, napping, etc...).
 - c. Either be the child’s legal guardian, or be the adult who was actively assigned those duties on site by the child’s guardian. In other words, just because you are over 18 doesn’t mean you can take your minor friend off to explore the event without their guardian’s full knowledge and consent.
 - d. Have actively and positively accepted those responsibilities from the child’s guardian on site. In other words, a guardian cannot delegate their responsibilities to another adult without that adult’s active consent.

- e. Be prepared to follow the rules regarding supervision of the child, and to accept consequences (which may include eviction) for any failure to do so.
4. Allowing a minor for whom you are responsible to violate any of the stated rules is grounds for the entire party to be ejected.

Kids & Ejection

If an issue arises with a child, and a legal guardian cannot be found in a reasonable amount of time (or is not sober enough to act as a responsible adult), then both the child and the legal guardian may be removed from the event. If a child is engaging in behavior worthy of removal from the event, then the legal guardian will be removed as well. A list of Ejection-able Offenses can be found at the end of this Survival Guide.

Kids & Hazards

The current Apogaea site contains many hazards not encountered at previous Apogaea sites. These include, but are not limited to:

- Steep ravines (drop-offs up to 20ft)
- Active gas wells (and associated equipment, pipes, power systems)
- Livestock ponds and water catchments
- Potentially dangerous wildlife including rattle-snakes and elk
- Cactus (several types) that are extensive and widespread (Boots or closed shoes highly recommended)
- Felled timber, brush, and deadwood
- Bicycles and motorized traffic

Adult Content

Parts of the event are adult in nature. These activities are required to be visually blocked from public thoroughfares but you must be aware that you or your child may encounter activities that may be inappropriate or uncomfortable for children (It may also be inappropriate or uncomfortable for some adults as well, but that does not mean they do not belong in our community). Some things that might be considered inappropriate or adult by the default world, such as nudity, are not limited or blocked from public view and might be encountered throughout the event.

Be responsible for yourself and your child at all times. Do not expect the volunteers or community-at-large to supervise your child or manage your child's experience. If you feel something is inappropriate for your child, it is your responsibility to steer your child away from it.

Likewise, individuals, groups, or the community-at-large should feel empowered to discuss with parents if they feel their content is inappropriate for minors, or if they feel children are being disruptive or are endangered in any way.

Camps may choose to exclude minors (under the age of 18) from their premises and functions at their discretion if they feel their content would be inappropriate or dangerous for minors to experience. Minors and their guardians are expected to respect those choices. That said, camps are also asked to abide by the principle of radical inclusion whenever possible, and those who invoke this privilege spuriously may receive lower consideration for camp registration and placement in the future.

Serving Alcohol

Some individuals and camps may choose to gift alcohol to other participants. Great! Before serving alcohol, **you must request to see a government-issued photo ID**. An over-21 wristband is not enough, nor is gray hair! If you would like to be served alcohol during Apogaea, please remember to bring your ID with you along with your reusable cup!

Keep It Clean: Leave No Trace

Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event!

There are no garbage collection services at Apogaea. All participants are responsible for their trash and other **MOOP - matter out of place**. MOOP includes anything you bring into the event: tent stakes, bottle caps, orange peels, rope fibers, oil leaking from your hippie van, wet wipes, and anything else that came with you, unless it came out of you and stayed in a porta potty. It is suggested that you spend 10-15 minutes each day walking around your camping area and picking up any MOOP you find (It's called MOOP-ing and all the cool kids are doing it). **IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE MOOP IS YOURS, JUST PICK IT UP!** For more information, visit <http://Int.org>. It is also requested that all participants spend 1-2 hours picking up MOOP after they have cleaned up their camp and prior to departure.

Port-a-potties

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! It may sound cute, but it's also super serious.

- DO NOT PUT TAMPONS, TRASH OR HANDI-WIPES IN THE TOILET! Take a ziplock bag into the port-a-potty with you and pack these items out.
- 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 or around the outside of the potties.
- Do not put greywater into the potties.
- The land is a delicate ecosystem - do not use it as a toilet.
- Put the lid down when you are done - this helps keep the Port-a-Potty smelling better. For reals.
- Do not duct tape anything to the port-a-potties. Duct tape will leave a residue when removed. Use clear tape!

Lost and Found

If during the event you find any items who have lost their owners, you may bring them to Lost and Found located at the Info Booth. Please check here for any items you might have lost during the event.

No holes / digging

No digging is allowed at the event. There are buried natural gas lines on the property, so digging is dangerous. If your project requires any kind of digging (trenching or holes), or alteration of the land, DPW needs to be contacted in advance for approval. You may contact them at DPW@apogaea.com.

Generators - Important Requirements

- All liquid fuel for generators must be stored a minimum of 15 feet from the generator. See the above section on fuel containment for newly adopted rules related to secondary containment of fuel.
- All generators and any other flame/spark sources must be placed in an open area away from dry vegetation. All vegetation **MUST BE CLEARED** at least 5 feet on all sides from the generator.
- All generators must have a dry chemical type ABC fire extinguisher within 5 feet and **clearly visible** from the generator (note – this means not in your tent).
- All generators must be rated as super quiet (60 decibels or less) or be sound insulated with mufflers or fireproof sound baffling that reduces noise below 60 dB and **does not restrict ventilation or cooling**. See <http://soundproofing.org/infopages/generator.htm> for more information. Sound baffling should be installed no closer than 1 foot to the generator and no closer than 2 feet from the exhaust.
- Sound baffling must allow sufficient airflow to adequately vent the exhaust gases without damaging or burning the baffling.
- **IF YOU HAVE A GENERATOR WITHOUT PROPER FIREPROOF SOUND INSULATION, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE IT!**

Sound Policy

- There will be **NO ROGUE SOUND**, which means if you have not registered to have sound you do not have permission to have sound at Apogaea.
- All sound gear needs to be checked in at the gate upon entry
- **Subwoofers must be on palettes. This will prevent the bass from traveling as far as it would with speakers on the ground.**
- You need to have attended the Sound Camp Town Hall
- Signed Apogaea Sound Contracts are required
- Sound levels are to be limited at the direction and discretion of Apogaea, in order to respect our participants and neighbors. Different areas have different sound hours and levels. Follow all official directives about your sound.
- **Be a good neighbor! Talk to the camps around yours to see what they're planning. Turn down your sound or rethink the screaming death metal while the next camp is having their fancy tea party.**
- All sound camps will be required to have a representative work one sound enforcement shift.
- **Medium and loud sound camps are required to bring a working microphone to assist with announcements in the event of an emergency.**
- Anyone who breaks the rules of the sound policy may be ejected from the event
- E-mail CommanderWingnut@apogaea.com for more sound camp 411

Vending /Commerce/ Corporate logos

The sale of products and services is prohibited within the event. Bring what you need. Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. More than a place without money, gifts are given without any expectation of a trade or reward other than the joy of sharing with your fellow participants. Watch the magic of abundance, as you freely gift to people and somehow manage to end up with more, because everyone is doing the same.

The display of commercial logos or banners and/or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is prohibited..

Although there are no concessions available at the event, for your health and convenience, ice will be available for \$3 between 9AM & 8PM, Thursday - Saturday, at Center Camp. Bring exact change as no change will be given. All proceeds from the sale of ice are donated to organizations in the local communities.

Exodus

Leave No Trace

Everything you bring to the event must leave with you. This includes all your garbage, grey water, black water, recycling, equipment, etc. You are responsible for your personal items down to the last used tissue, and you are also responsible to make sure your entire camp site is free of any MOOP (Matter Out of Place) before you go. Every participant should be actively looking for and collecting MOOP throughout the event for proper disposal outside the event (and outside of the garbage bins or dumpsters in local communities, too!) But in particular, your camp should make sure that you make a complete sweep of your area, and remove all traces of your time there, except from your memories. Even after you've completed this, a team of volunteers will work to find the smallest bits of MOOP left behind. They'll be exhausted and dirty when you're home in bed after a nice shower. Please do not expect them to do your work. For more information, see <http://Int.org>.

What do I do with all this trash?

Do NOT discard your trash along the highway or in neighboring towns. It is recommended that you carry your trash back to a larger city such as Denver and dispose of it there. If everyone dumps their trash in the small communities in the immediate vicinity of the event, they will be easily overwhelmed. If you must secure your trash to the outside of your vehicle, make sure it's double bagged and well secured. Local law enforcement will be actively ticketing people for littering. And your conscience will be actively shaming you for being a jerk.

Collexodus

Upon leaving Apogaea, please keep aside any un-opened, non-perishable foods, as well as extra socks, jackets, and other items that can be donated to the local shelters in Trinidad. The DeGreeters will be collecting food while you wait in the Exodus lines as well as along the exit road when you leave.

The Apogaea Department of Public Works (DPW) will also be accepting donations both at the end of Work Weekend and at the end of Apogaea to support the crews who stay behind to set up and take down the event. DPW can accept food including perishable food items that can't be donated, and would happily relieve you of extra beers, soda, snacks, and treats, Please also consider leaving DPW with extra tools and equipment to build Apogaea in the future.

Stay alert! Too tired? Rest!

You will be tired when leaving the event. If you are the driver, make sure you received enough rest before leaving. If you are tired, find a safe area to pull over and rest. We want you to get home safely so we can see you again next year! If you feel that you need more time to properly pack and clean your camp and to be rested before leaving, check in at the Info Booth/Center Camp area to get permission to stay on the land until Monday. Nobody will be allowed to stay on the land Sunday night without pre-approval.

How to get kicked out

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 possible. If you do not feel comfortable with that, please inform one of the Rangers (wearing a tan Ranger shirt) or someone in the Info Booth.

The following offenses will get you removed from the event:

- No ticket/wristband (**all participants, no exceptions**)
- Helping someone sneak into the event
- **SWIMMING OR WADING IN WATER FEATURES** (*Bold & all caps text means we are so absolutely serious about this.*)
- **TRESPASSING IN GAS WELL AREAS** (*Note: bold & all caps text here too. We are extra, super, major serious about this.*)
- Failure of parents to ensure minors under the age of 18 wear wristbands or file “Tiny Human Tracking Form” with Rangers
 - Failing to ensure that a child under 12 for whom you are responsible has proper adult supervision at all times
 - During the hours of 10 PM to 5AM, all participants under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult
 - Children ages 13-17 can roam more widely from 5 AM –10 PM as long as they are under supervision of a responsible adult (this may be accomplished by radio, or parent’s knowledge of the child’s location)

- It is required that any minor (under the age of 18) at Apogaea be able to find and identify their legal guardian at all times
- Allowing a minor (under the age of 18) for whom you are responsible for to violate any of the stated event rules and regulations
 - Photographing another participant without their consent or taking photos/video for commercial purposes
 - Vending or commerce of any kind
 - Failing to respect the consent or boundaries of other participants
 - Unsafe driving
 - Malicious destruction of property
 - Possession of weapons
 - Possession of alcohol if under 21
 - Serving alcohol to someone under 21
 - Disrespectful Intoxicated behavior
 - Disrespect of the land such as digging, felling trees or limbs, etc.
 - Violating any of the fire rules
 - Violation of DMV rules
 - Harassing wildlife

How to get kicked out: Laser Edition

Handheld lasers:

At Burning Man 2014, a Ranger was permanently blinded in one eye and partially blinded in the other by handheld lasers used in an irresponsible manner. For this reason handheld lasers shall not be used in any capacity at Apogaea.

Stationary lasers:

Stationary lasers must be registered in advance with placement. Placement will inspect lasers upon installation. Lasers found violating these rules are not permitted. Stationary lasers must abide by FDA regulations. These regulations can be found above in this guide:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/>

[MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ GuidanceDocuments/UCM119257.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/UCM119257.pdf)

Apogaea Media publications (AMP)

AMP will be roaming the event capturing photos and video and helping to educate about photo and video policies. If at any time the behavior of a photographer or recording device makes you uncomfortable, feel free to let them know/ bring their awareness to the overstep, or grab a Ranger as you would to help resolve any other form of inappropriate conduct.

If your camp has art that includes photos or video being captured, there will be signs available at info booth which you can post outside your camp or hang on your camera to give other participants a heads up that image capture is taking place. This DOES NOT negate the “ask first” policy, it’s just a friendly warning to those who don’t want their likeness captured to steer clear. Contact photos@apogaea.com for more information.

Sharing those awesome photos and videos ANYWHERE, including online, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. So be sure to ask before you shoot! If you post photos online and someone requests you remove a photo of them, you must do so immediately. If you want to contribute your awesome photos to the official Apogaea photo library (for use on the website, Survival Guide etc) email: photos@apogaea.com after the event.

Local Resources

A local resources guide will be published on the Apogaea website. This guide will give you some suggestions of local places to buy essentials (i.e. camping gear, food, propane,

alcohol, ice, etc.), some local hotels if you are too tired to drive home, kennels (if you are traveling in and have pets) and some local tourist attractions.

Cell Phone Service

It is highly likely that there will not be any cellular coverage at the event. Contact to people within the event or outside of it will be restricted to other means. This is especially important for parents to keep in mind. We recommend Walkie-Talkies for anyone who wishes to communicate with others onsite. In most cases, you should be prepared to not have access to communication with the outside world during the event.

Congratulations!! You made it to the end of the survival guide. You might just survive Apogaea after all. But you won't leave the same. See you there!