



Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor arts and music festival held once a year in the mountains of Colorado. 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. While Apogaea is a highly entertaining place, it is more than just a diversion. You will proportionately gain what you put into the experience. Play along! Jump in with both feet! Participation is mandatory while attending. There is as much freedom and acceptance as you require. We look forward to experiencing what you have to offer to the Apogaea community.

{ Tickets and Liability Waivers }

With the exception of children 12 and under, everyone must have a ticket. Everyone under 18 must arrive with a legal guardian and have a liability waiver signed in person at the gate by a legal guardian. Everyone 18 or over must have a ticket and a signed liability waiver. All participants must read and understand the Ticket Terms and Conditions.

{ Kids at Apogaea }

Children of all ages are welcome at Apogaea. The presence of children creates a wonderful atmosphere at the event, and we encourage them 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 or uncomfortable for children. Do not expect the staff or community at large to either 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.

The child's legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that the child is supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Appropriate adult supervision does not necessarily imply that an adult is physically present with and in sight of a child at all times; depending on age and maturity level, simply checking in with the adult on a regular basis may be sufficient.

It is required that any child at Apogaea be able to find and identify their legal guardian at all times. This may be done directly (such as via radio) or indirectly (such as awareness that the guardian will be at a fixed location). 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.

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. Similarly, if it is determined that a child is engaging in behavior worthy of removal from the event, then the legal guardian will be removed as well.

{ Photography and Videography }

Apogaea is a private event. Redistribution or public display of images, including on the internet, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. You must ask before photographing, videotaping, or recording anyone on any media. If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately. Read more in the "Apogaea Media & Propaganda" section below.



Embraces The Ten Principles of Burning Man

Is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy

Is a Leave No Trace event

Requires all participants to purchase a ticket

Requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines

Does **NOT** condone illegal activity

{ Event checklist }

- O Ticket, Photo ID and a signed liability waiver. Duh!
- O Water: 1.5 gallons per person, per day. Piss clear!
- O Enough food for your entire stay and a way to prepare it.
- O Weather appropriate clothing. The sun is bright, rain is wet, snow is cold, hail hurts, etc. Apogaea is in the mountains of Colorado anything can happen.
- O Bedding and shelter. Did we mention this takes place in the mountains in Colorado? You'll need something to protect you from sun, rain and cold.
- O Garbage bags: this is a Leave No Trace event and no trash services will be provided.
- O Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat. The sun is more intense in Colorado.
- O Flashlights and/or headlamps with spare batteries. You'll want to see where you're going at night.
- O First Aid kit, toiletries and prescriptions: single-ply toilet paper, prescription drugs, soap, insulin, ibuprofen/aspirin, lube, condoms, and anything else you need to maintain your health and comfort.
- O Common sense, an open mind and a positive attitude!

{ We strongly suggest you bring }

- O A reusable cup or mug. Don't miss out when someone offers you the best drink at Apogaea because you didn't have your own cup!
- O Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets, canopies, tarps, tents, parachutes, and/or something to break the midday sun. It gets hot out there!
- O Earplugs. Not everyone will want to sleep when you do.
- O Handi-wipes. Use your imagination here.
- O Watertight protective bags for cameras or electronic gear. You want your camera to work when you see the guy doing back flips on stilts while breathing fire because none of your friends will believe that happened.

{ We strongly suggest you bring cont.}

- O Costumes. You can't be too costumed, too decorated, too body-painted, too weird, or too fabulous.
- O Gifts, toys, trinkets, baubles, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends.
- O Something to decorate and light yourself at night.
- O Duct tape, zip ties, and Swiss army knife: the toolkit that can fix pretty much anything.
- O Insect repellent: Ticks are in season!
- O An extra set of keys that you can leave with a friend.
- O Smokers: Carry a portable ashtray (*such as a mint tin*) with you at all times, or put butts in your pocket.



{ DO NOT bring }

- X Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind.
- ⊠ Glow sticks. You can find numerous types of reusable LED lights pretty easily on the internet.
- Material Charcoal grills (white gas and propane are okay).
- Pets. Mr. Pickles and Chairman Meow would rather stay at home and sleep on your couch.
- Stuff to sell VENDING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- 🛛 Feathers of any kind based on their MOOP tendencies.
- 🛛 Glass containers of any kind. Broken glass 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.
- Nuts in their shells. Treat yourself and get them shelled so you don't have to deal with the trash.
- Styrofoam coolers. Do these things ever not break? No. Then the foam goes all over the place.
- Bikes of any kind. The land owner has requested that bikes not be permitted anywhere.

{ Volunteer }

Apogaea is an effort made by the community for the community. Volunteers are an integral part of the Apogaea experience. Volunteering is also a great way to interact with your community.

Without volunteers, Apogaea would not exist!

Departments looking for volunteers during the event include: Gate, Greeters, Greeners, Lamplighters, Center Camp, De-Greeters, Floaters, Parking, Placement, DPW, Info Booth, ASS, BAMF, and Rangers.

Before the event, you may sign up for work shifts for a number of different positions by visiting the sign-up sheet at http://volunteer.apogaea.com/ or contact volunteers@apogaea.com for more information. During the event, you may stop by the Volunteer Booth to see what shifts are available.

{ 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, or anything else they felt will make the Apogaea experience better. Whatever your special talent might be, bring it and share it with your community!

Anyone who is interested in bringing any of the following forms of art must register it ahead of time to ensure we can accommodate your needs: large art installations, theme camps, mutant vehicles, performances that require stage facilities, workshops that require the use of shade structures, sound systems, and anything involving fire.

Register on the Apogaea website: http://apogaea.com/the-event/registration/

{ Mutant Vehicles }

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. For more information about mutant vehicles, email dmv@apogaea.com.



{ Directions }

The event is located near the town of Bailey, Colorado, one hour southwest of Denver. Driving directions will be posted on http://apogaea.com shortly before the event. Don't be worried if you haven't seen an update with the exact location, even a week before the event. Have faith, we will release it! If you are getting a ride, the location on the map is within just a few miles of the gate.

{ The Locals }

Local law enforcement is aware of our presence and will be actively ticketing speeders coming to and leaving from the event (*be careful!*). Do not become a statistic. Consider supporting the local economy whenever possible. Get gas and other supplies in Bailey, CO if at all possible.

{ Secure Your Load }

Loading your vehicle properly, whether it is a car, truck, motorhome, or anything being towed will make your trip to and from Apogaea more safe and less stressful.

Precautions to help make your load safe:

- > Do not exceed load/towing capacity of vehicle/trailer.
- > Do not exceed the weight recommendations for the trailer and hitch of vehicle/trailer.
- 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.
- > Always use safety chains.
- > Do not overload the roof.

{ Gate Hours }

EARLY ENTRY*, Tuesday 6/3 - 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday 6/4 - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday 6/5 - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday 6/6 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Saturday 6/7 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday 6/8 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Exodus only) Monday** 6/9 - 9:00 am - 3:00pm (Exodus only, all attendees off the land by 3:00 pm)

- *Approval is needed for early entry. 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.
- **Monday Extended Exodus will be available for large theme camps that require more than one day to pack up and leave the land. Extended Exodus will be granted on a limited basis and will require advance registration to receive a special wristband.

{ Early Entry }

Early entry is available to volunteers and members of Ignition. If you are going to Apogaea with your significant other, friends, etc., all must be approved for early entry - i.e.: if your wife has early entry and you don't, then you don't get early entry just because your wife does. See how that works?

Theme camps or art installations requiring extra time for setup might be eligible for early arrival. Contact dpw@apogaea.com for more information.

{ The Gate }

Be prepared before your arrival at the gate:

- > Have your ticket and government issued photo ID.
- > Have enough food, water, and equipment to survive the event. No playa to provide out here.
- > Have a signed liability waiver.

Other considerations:

- > Your vehicle will be searched.
- Follow the direction of the gate volunteers and move your vehicle when directed.
- > Working gate is a thankless task. Be nice to your gate personnel and they will be nice to you.
- > Drive slowly for safety and to keep down dust.
- Participants are not allowed in-and-out access to the event unless it is an emergency or the participant has applied and been approved for in and out access before the event.
- If you know in advance that you will need to leave the event at some point, please apply for in-and-out access before the event.
- If you need to leave and return to the event DUE TO EMERGENCY, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

{ Parking }

Things to consider when parking at Apogaea:

- > There is limited parking space.
- Carpooling is highly recommended.
- > All vehicles must park in designated areas.
- > All parking lots require a shuttle ride to the event.
- > You will be given 1/2 hour to unpack your vehicle at your camping site. After your car is unpacked you will need to move your car. If your car is left after the designated unpacking time, you will be responsible for paying the \$500 tow-out fee. After parking your car, you will receive a complimentary shuttle ride back into the event. You will not be able to access your vehicle during the event so plan accordingly.
- > Trailers and "pop-up" campers under 20' in length may be placed in general camping areas or within your theme camp.
- > Participants are required to park vehicles in external lots. Any vehicle remaining on site must meet certain usage requirements such as sleeping, infrastructure, & department vehicles and be registered for a parking pass. Vehicles with out a pass and/or impeding the operation of the event are at risk of being towed.
- >RVs and car-campers need to register in advance. Unregistered RVs and car-campers will be parked on a extremely steep hill and filled with weasels on illicit steroids and or other drugs.
- > Your camp needs to be broken down before you get your vehicle for Exodus. If your camp gear pile is small enough to fit in the shuttle, it will be loaded and unloaded at your vehicle and you can leave from the lot. Otherwise, you can take the shuttle to your car and drive back to your camp to retrieve your things.

Please do not bring your car back up to your camp until you are completely packed. This will reduce the number of cars coming back into event grounds and let you leave quicker.

{ Parking Cont. }

- > The vehicle policy including vehicles in theme camps, RVs, car-campers, and trailers is located at http:// apogaea.com/the-event/venue/parking-camping/
- > The full vehicle policy for mutant vehicles can be found at http://apogaea.com/art-installations/artcars-mutant-vehicles/.

{ Greeters }

Greeting is an important part of the Apogaea experience. The Greeters will give you a guiz covering the contents of the Survival Guide. Greeting is also where the fun begins!

Contact greeters@apogaea.com for more information.

{ Law Enforcement }

Familiarize 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 interactions with all law enforcement to remain positive.

{ 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. Contact rangers@apogaea.com for more information.

{ Bureau of Apogaea Medical & Fire BAMF }

BAMF is the all-volunteer organization that oversees fire safety for art burns, and provides the Apogaea community with emergency fire fighting, medical and mental health services. They are all Apogaea participants and are not part of any law enforcement or outside agencies. BAMF exists to help manage unplanned emergency situations during the event and is not a substitute for your own planning for safety.

Contact medicallead@apogaea.com or firelead@apogaea.com for more information.

{ Apogaea Security Squad ASS }

A.S.S. 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.

{ Apogaea Media & Propaganda AMP }

AMP will be roaming the event in green AMP shirts capturing photos and video and helping to educate about photo and video policies. If you have questions or feel that these policies are being violated by anyone, grab an AMP volunteer or a Ranger. 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.

{ 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, WWWW 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.



{ Keep it Clean }

Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event!

There are no garbage collection services at Apogaea. Every participant is responsible for their **MOOP also known as matter out of place.**

MOOP INCLUDES EVERYTHING YOU BRING TO THE EVENT: tent stakes, bottle caps, ashes, wood debris, orange peels, cigarette butts, pistachio shells, feathers from your fancy boa, rope fibers, sequins, oil leaking from your hippie van, etc.

It is suggested that you spend 10-15 minutes each day walking around your camping area and picking up any MOOP you find. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE MOOP IS YOURS, JUST PICK IT UP!

For more information, visit http://lnt.org.

{ Port-a-Potties }

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty!

- DO NOT PUT TAMPONS, TRASH OR HANDI-WIPES IN THE TOILET! Take a ziplock bag into the port-a-pottie 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.
- > Do not use the land as your toilet.
- > Put the lid down when you are done it stinks in there!
- > Do not duct tape anything to the walls. Duct tape will leave a residue when removed. Use clear tape!
- > Don't forget to eat more fiber.
- > Make sure and pee clear!

{ Quiet Zones / Noise }

Quieter Hours are from 4am-10am in the city. Amplified sound and large scale acoustic performances (for example, marching bands) are prohibited during this time. There are a few 24 hour large sound camps near the entrance to the city. If you don't want to be near them, camp further in. Not everyone will want to sleep when you do. It is highly recommended that you bring earplugs to assist you in getting a restful sleep.

If you wish to have amplified sound, you must contact sound@apogaea.com to register.

{ 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.

{ Generators Important Requirements }

- > All liquid fuel for generators must be stored a minimum of 15 feet from the generator.
- > All generators and any other flame sources must be placed in an open area away from dry vegetation.
- > 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 guiet (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 soundproofing.org/infopages/generator.htm for more information.

IF YOU HAVE A GENERATOR WITHOUT PROPER FIREPROOF SOUND INSULATION, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE IT!

{ Vending / Commerce / Corporate logos }

The sale of products and services is prohibited within our community. Bring what you need. The display of commercial logos or banners and/or distribution of commercial promotional items or materials is prohibited. 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 \$2 between 9AM & 8PM, Wednesday -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.

{ No Digging / Holes }

At the request of the landowner, no digging is allowed at the event. Cow don't like holes.

{ Fire Safety }

The state and/or county may issue a partial or comprehensive burn ban. Apogaea will conform to these agencies' requirements and cannot guarantee that burning of any material will be permitted.

The area where the event is held is forested 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. NEVER LEAVE FIRES UNATTENDED!

If a burn ban is not in effect:

- All fire art must be approved prior to the event by the Fire Art Lead by emailing firelead@apogaea.com.
- All fire performances must be conducted in the designated fire performance area ONLY. Performers must check in at Convergence to receive the current fire ban status and to check in props.
- > Performers must also take the Uniform Fire Use Guide workshop, and receive a wristband before performing. For more information or if you want to perform, contact fireperformer@apoqaea.com.

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

- With the exception of camp stoves, gas barbecues, and Emergency Services (BAMF) approved fire barrels/fire places, no fire of any kind will be permitted without prior approval.
- All approved fire pits or burn barrels must be raised from the ground, properly secured and accompanied by a full water bucket (at least 5 gallons). Please prepare to bring your own water for this purpose, as there is no water available on-site. You must also bring your own wood.

{ Fire Safety Cont. }

- > Do not put anything besides wood/cardboard in fires.
- No in-ground campfires, charcoal barbecues, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives are allowed.
- Apogaea's burn barrels may not be moved. The wood provided by Apogaea is only for Apogaea burn barrels, not personal or camp burn barrels.
- Cooking stoves must be on a level surface with any dry vegetation within one yard removed.
- All generators, fuel storage, and potential sparksources must be placed in areas in which all dry vegetation has been removed.
- All generators, fuel storage, and potential sparksources are subject to specific requirements for noise and fire safety. Please see the section about 'Generators' in this Survival Guide.
- > Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Butts must be disposed in designated buckets, ashtrays, or personal butt-boxes. If we have a burn ban in effect, smoking may be restricted to inside cars. Do not place cigarette butts in burn barrels.
- > At the request of the landowner, **DO NOT** burn any old wood found on the ground.
- > Help our community ensure the safe future of Apogaea by practicing radial self-reliance. Help your fellow participants by keeping an eye out for dangerous fire situations. Report any violations to BAMF or an Apogaea ranger.



{ General 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. Don't endanger people!

{ Emergency Protocol }

If an event wide emergency arises, all attendees are to report to center camp for instructions from rangers on how to proceed. If you are experiencing a personal emergency and able bodied, contact a Ranger or BAMF member. If you can't personally go, send someone on your behalf.

{ Environment }

Apogaea is held in a forested mountain environment at high elevation. Daytime highs in June average in the 80s, but nighttime lows can be anywhere from the 50s to below freezing. **Sudden storms producing lightning, rain, snow, and/or hail are all possible**.

Bring plenty of warm clothing and a way to keep it dry. Remember that part of being in the forest means there are things like bears, ticks, and other wildlife here

{ Leave No Trace }

Everything you bring to the event must leave with you. This includes all your garbage, greywater, black water, recycling, equipment, etc.

For more information, see http://lnt.org.

{ Personal Safety }

Recognize and respect people's personal boundaries.

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

Tips for maintaining your personal safety:

- Communicate with those around you about anything making you uncomfortable.
- > You are in charge of your boundaries. You must be sober enough to be in control.
- You must ask before photographing, videotaping, or recording anyone on any media. If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately.
- > Tolerate and respect your fellow participants by not interfering with their enjoyment, art, or expression.

Remember: you are responsible for your own experience. Make it great!

{ 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 is double bagged and that it is well secured. Local law enforcement will be actively ticketing people for littering.

Do not become a statistic!

{ Food Drive }

Upon leaving Apo, please keep aside any un-opened, non-perishable foods that can be donated to the food pantry at the Mountain Resource Center. There will be volunteers collecting food while you wait in the exodus lines as well as along the exit road when you leave. The Mountain Resource Center (MRC) is a community-based non-profit organization that promotes community involvement and responsibility to foster the optimal welfare of children, youth, adults, and communities in a 1000+ square mile rural mountain area serving a population of over 65,000 in Jefferson and Park counties.

{ 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 are too impaired to drive home on Sunday, 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.

{ Photo and Video Sharing }

Sharing those awesome photos and videos **ANYWHERE**, including online, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties. So ask before you shoot!

If you post photos online and someone requests you remove a photo of them, you must do so immediately. You can add photos to the Apogaea Filckr group here: http://www.flickr.com/groups/apogaea. There's also the officially awesome Apo Media Gallery. Watch Apogaea.com for that post-event.

{ 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 can get you kicked out:

- No ticket / wristband
- > Helping someone sneak into the event
- > Photography or videography without permission
- > Failing to ensure that a child for which you are responsible has proper adult supervision at all times.
- Allowing a child for which you are responsible to violate any of the stated rules.
- Commercial photography or videography
- Vending or commerce (except ice)
- > Failing to respect boundaries
- > Unsafe driving
- > Malicious destruction of property
- > Possession of weapons
- > Possession of alcohol if under 21
- Serving alcohol to someone under 21
- Drunken behavior
- > Disrespect of the land such as digging or felling trees
- > Violating any of the fire rules



