# Apogaea Survival Guide

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# Introduction

## What is the Survival Guide?

Attending Apogaea takes planning and preparation in order to keep yourself happy and healthy before, during and after the event. Please become familiar with what it takes to be ready by reading the Survival Guide.

**THIS IS REQUIRED READING! Please read and fully understand this document. There will be a quiz at the gate.**

**The Survival Guide:**

- Provides critical event information in a concise and readable format.
- Encourages community participation by providing a participant designed downloadable commemorative edition document suitable for printing.
- Is a launch pad for more detailed information about what happens at Apogaea.

## Document Formats

**This document exists in several formats:**

- **Google Doc: This should be considered the most current version of this document.**
- Plain text PDF: A simple, text-only PDF version. This is a downloadable PDF of the current Google Doc version.
- Apogaea Website: Web-based version formatted for http://apogaea.com.
- Collector's Edition: Participant designed collector's edition PDF document suitable for printing.

## Contribute

Community comments regarding the content in the Survival Guide can be made directly in the **Google Doc**. Help make this document better by participating in its evolution. To volunteer to help with any aspect of the Survival Guide, contact grandpa@apogaea.com.

# Welcome to Apogaea

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.

## Kids

The presence of children creates a wonderful atmosphere at the event. 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 by a legal guardian. **Please supervise your children so we don't have to!**

## 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.**

## Event Fundamentals

- Apogaea embraces the 10 core guiding concepts of the Burning Man project.
- Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event.
- Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. You may not buy or sell anything. The only exception is ice which is provided by the event.
- Apogaea requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines (see the section in this document titled Safety: Fire).
- Apogaea does not condone illegal activity.
- Apogaea requires all participants to purchase a ticket.

# Event checklist

**If it can happen, it will.**

## Event checklist:

- Ticket, photo ID, signed liability waiver. Duh!
- Water: 1.5 gallons per person, per day. Piss clear!
- Enough food for your entire stay and a way to prepare it.
- 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.
- 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.
- Garbage bags: this is a Leave No Trace event and no trash services will be provided.
- Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat. The sun is more intense in Colorado. You burn easier here.
- Flashlights and/or headlamps with spare batteries. It's dark in the woods. You'll want to see where you're going at night.
- 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.
- Common sense, an open mind and a positive attitude!

## 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. Not everyone will want to sleep when you do.
- Handi-wipes. Use your imagination here.
- 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 really happened.
- Costumes. You can't be too costumed, too decorated, too body-painted, too weird, too fabulous, or too beautiful!
- Gifts, toys, trinkets, baubles, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends.
- Something to decorate and light yourself at night.
- Duct tape, zip ties, and Swiss army knife: the toolkit that can fix pretty much anything.
- Insect repellent.

## DO NOT bring:

- Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind. This isn't Texas...
- Glow sticks. You can find reusable LED lights pretty easy on the internet.
- 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 you want to sell - VENDING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Feathers of any kind. Try marabou instead.
- 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 just ends up as MOOP.
- 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.

# Participate

### This year, be a participant, NOT a spectator!

## 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, 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://apogaea.com/volunteer or contact volunteers@apogaea.com for more information. During the event, you may stop by the Info 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.**

## 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.

# Arriving at the event

## Gate hours

**EARLY ENTRY*, Wednesday, June 6th: Noon - 9pm**
**Thursday, June 7th: 11 am - 9 pm**
**Friday, June 8th: 9 am - 9 pm**
**Saturday, June 9th: 9 am - 6 pm**

***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 arrival

Early entry is available to volunteers and members of Ignition. If you are going to Apo 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.

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

## The Gate

**Be prepared before your arrival at the gate:**

- Have your ticket and photo ID.
- Have enough food, water and equipment to survive the event.
- 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. A cold, tasty beverage goes a long way.
- **If you need to leave and return DUE TO EMERGENCY, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your reentry.**

## Greeters

Greeting is an important part of the Apogaea experience. All participants must be properly greeted by the Greeters. You will be given a quiz regarding the contents of the Survival Guide by the Greeters. Greeters love gifts including snacks, water, candy, hugs, kisses and booze. Greeting is where the fun begins! Contact volunteers@apogaea.com for more information.

## Parking

- All vehicles must park in designated areas.
- There is limited parking space. Carpooling is highly recommended.
- You will be given a temporary parking pass that allows you a short amount of time to unpack your vehicle at your camping site. After your pass expires, you will need to move your car.
- Once you park your car, you should not move it for the duration of your stay. No cruising!
- Participants who leave and return by personal vehicle will be charged a $10 fee.
- Trailers and "pop-up" campers may be placed in general camping areas or your theme camp.
- Bring an extra set of keys that you can leave with a friend. Locksmiths are expensive and hard to find in the forest.

# During the event

**You are responsible for your own experience.**

## 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. 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.

## Emergency Services / BAMF

BAMF provides Apogaea with fire fighting, emergency medical and mental health services. They are not part of any law enforcement or outside agencies. Contact medicallead@apogaea.com or firelead@apogaea.com for more information.

## 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. Contact volunteers@apogaea.com for more information.

## Safety: 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 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.

## Safety: Personal

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

**Tips for maintaining your personal safety and well-being:**

- 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 and say no.
- 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.

## Safety: Fire

The state and/or county may issue a comprehensive burn ban. Apogaea can not guarantee that we will be able to burn anything. The area where the event is held is forested and and uncontrolled fire can have devastating consequences for participants, the environment and the local community.

**If fire art is permitted at the event, it must be approved by the Fire Art Lead, Sam Ley, by emailing firelead@apogaea.com.**

If fire performance is permitted at the event, it must be conducted in the designated fire performance area ONLY. **To perform using fire, you must obtain prior approval from the Fire Performance Lead, Adam Kemis, by emailing Adamkemis@live.com.**

**NEVER LEAVE FIRES UNATTENDED!**

**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. Bring your own wood.
- Do not put anything other than wood or cardboard into fires.
- No in-ground campfires, charcoal barbecues, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives.
- 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 spark-sources must be placed in areas in which all dry vegetation has been removed.
- All generators must be supplied with a single standard fire extinguisher, type ABC dry chemical (the regular red ones).
- 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.
- **Violation of any of the fire rules is grounds for removal from the event.**

## Keep it clean

There are no garbage collection services at Apogaea. Every participant is responsible for their **MOOP - 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 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!**
- 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 grey water into the potties.
- The land is a delicate ecosystem - do not use it as a toilet.
- Put the lid down when you are done - it stinks in there!
- Don't forget to eat more fiber.

## Quiet zones / Noise

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 missioncontrol@apogaea.com to register your sound installation.

## No holes / digging

At the request of the landowner, no digging is allowed at the event.

## Generators

All generators not rated as super quiet (60 decibels or less) must be sound insulated with mufflers or fireproof housing. If you are running a generator without proper sound insulation, you will be told to build an enclosure or to turn it off.

See http://soundproofing.org/infopages/generator.htm for more information.

## 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 purchase after Friday afternoon at the Info Booth. All proceeds from the sale of ice are donated to organizations in the local communities.**

## 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.

# After the event

**Congratulations!  You probably survived the event!**

## 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.

**For more information, see http://lnt.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 is double bagged and that it is well secured.  Local law enforcement will be actively ticketing people for littering.  Do not become a statistic.

## 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 safe so we can see you again next year!

# Directions

## Maps

Denver, CO to Bailey, CO
Denver Airport (DIA) to Bailey, CO

## Directions

The event is located near the town of Bailey, Colorado, 1 hour southwest of Denver. Driving directions will be posted on http://apogaea.com a few weeks before the event.

## The Locals

Local law enforcement is aware of our presence and will be actively ticketing speeders coming to and leaving from the event. Do not become a statistic.

Consider supporting the local economy whenever possible. Get gas and other supplies on the way to the event if you can.

## 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 safer and less stressful. Here are some precautions to help make your load safe:

- Do not exceed the load or towing capacity of 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.
- Always use safety chains.
- Do not overload the roof.

# 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 of the event:**

- No ticket / wristband
- Helping someone sneak into the event
- Photography or videography without permission
- Commercial photography or videography without registering as media
- 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