



Apogaea 2013 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 prepared by reading the Survival Guide.

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

Contribute

Help make this document better by participating in its evolution. To volunteer to help with any aspect of the Survival Guide, contact survivalguide@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, have a liability waiver signed by a legal guardian, and must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times. **Please supervise your children because we won't!**

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 [The Principles of Burning Man](#).
- 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 except ice provided by the event.
- Apogaea requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines (see Safety->Fire the section in this document).
- Apogaea does not condone illegal activity.
- Apogaea requires all participants to purchase a ticket.

Event checklist

Remember: if it can happen, it will.

Event checklist:

- Photo ID and a 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 more easily 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.
- An extra set of keys that you can leave with a friend. Locksmiths are expensive and hard to find in the forest.

DO NOT bring:

- Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind. This isn't Texas...
- Glow sticks. You can find reusable LED lights pretty easily 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, 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://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.

Pre-register on the Apogaea website: <http://apogaea.com/art-camps-things/pre-registration-form/>

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.

Getting there

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 more safe 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.

Arriving at the event

Gate hours

EARLY ENTRY*, Tuesday 6/4 - noon - 7:59pm

Wednesday 6/5 - 9am - 7:59pm

Thursday 6/6 - 9am - 7:59pm

Friday 6/7 - 9am - 7:59pm

Saturday 6/8 - 9am - 6pm

Sunday 6/9 - 9am - 6pm (exit only, all attendees off the land by 6)

***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

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.

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.
- 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.
- Drive slowly for safety and to keep down dust.
- **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. The Greeters will give you a quiz covering the contents of the Survival Guide. Greeting is also where the fun begins! Contact greeters@apogaea.com for more information.

Parking

- There is limited parking space. Carpooling is highly recommended.
- All vehicles must park in designated areas.
- 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. Your vehicle will be towed and turned in to next years mutant vehicle.
- Participants who leave and return by personal vehicle will be charged a \$40 fee or must have a list of goods from all the other unprepared and return with everything on the list plus a shrubbery.
- Trailers and "pop-up" campers under 20' in length may be placed in general camping areas or your theme camp.
- Registered theme camps get 2 vehicles per camp, whether they are RV's, trucks, or other vehicles. Any extra vehicles will be considered abandoned and become the property of DPW.
- 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.
- 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. This will reduce the number of cars coming back into event grounds and let you leave quicker.
- The entire vehicle policy including vehicles in theme camps, RVs, car-campers, trailers, and mutant vehicles is located on <http://apogaea.com>

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, 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 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.

Apogaea Security Squad (A.S.S.)

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. Show them your wristbands with a smile. Help them out and report anyone you see without a wristband.

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.

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 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!**
- 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 - it stinks in there!
- Do not duct tape anything to the port-a-potties. Duct tape will leave a residue when removed. Use clear tape!
- Don't forget to eat more fiber.

Quiet zones / Noise

Quiet Hours are from 4am-10am in the city. 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 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 \$2 at the Info Booth. All proceeds from the sale of ice are donated to organizations in the local communities. More information about ice sales, including the days and times it will be on sale, can be found on <http://apogaea.com>.

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.

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.

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 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 by emailing firelead@apogaea.com.

If fire performance is permitted at the event, it must be conducted in the designated fire performance area ONLY. Performers must attend 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, contact fireperformer@apogaea.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.
- At the request of the landowner, do not burn any old wood found on the ground.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FIRE RULES IS GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE EVENT.

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.

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.

After the event

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>.

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 safely so we can see you again next year!

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
- 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, felling trees or limbs, etc.
- Violating any of the fire rules