

Apogaea 2016 Ticket Artwork "Aqueous Mastadon" by Araya Metzger

# SURVIVAL GUIDE



# Congrats! You found the Survival Guide. Gold Star!

## You are required to read it so you don't die. Seriously.

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 this document and feel free to use color-coded highlighters for the most important stuff. There will be a quiz at the gate and they are authorized to punish you for failing to adequately prepare (they are really creative too, so don't mess with Gate).



## Welcome to Apogaea

Apogaea is a collaborative, outdoor art 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, inclusion, and self-reliance are not only encouraged, but expected of all participants. While Apogaea is a highly entertaining event, it is more than just a vacation from the Default World. You will proportionately gain what you put into the experience. Play along! Chat up a new friend! Volunteer your time! Jump in with all of your feet! Participation is mandatory. There are no spectators at Apogaea! There is as much freedom and acceptance as you might require. Apogaea is not so much, “build it and they will come”; it is more, “we can all come and build it, then play.”

This year, we are Moist. We hope you are too! Interpret the theme however you'd like: global warming commentary, ironic reference to Colorado droughts, sacred homage to super moist cake mixes, or a celebration of whatever parts of you are currently moist. We look forward to working with you and sharing our combined talents to form the amazing (and moist) Apogaea community.



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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.
- 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
- Apogaea does not condone illegal activity.
- Apogaea requires all participants to purchase a ticket.

## Tickets and Liability Waivers

With the exception of children 12 and under, everyone must have a ticket. Additionally, 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.

## 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. 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. If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately. Read more in the “Apogaea Media & Propaganda” section below.



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## Fire Ban 2016

Due to increased threat of wildfires, there will be **no ember producing fires** permitted at Apogaea this year. Unmodified commercial propane or liquid fuel heaters will be allowed. The Apogaea board and BAMF have decided to adhere to the Stage One burn ban for the 2016 event (Las Animas County has been in a Stage One Burn Ban since April of 2015, and re ratified in March of 2016). No solid fuels of any kind will be permitted. This includes but is not limited to wood, charcoal, cardboard, and candles. See the fire status page (<http://apogaea.com/the-event/prepare/fire-status/>) for updated information as we near the event. Dependent upon weather conditions, propane fueled art and fires may be allowed. Apogaea will inform participants as we get closer to the event if this occurs. For more information, see the Fire Information in the B\*A\*M\*F section of this Survival Guide. For questions regarding fire performers, contact [fireperformer@apogaea.com](mailto:fireperformer@apogaea.com).



# Event checklist

Expect the best, prepare for the worst and bring all this stuff with you. Gate staff will be checking your gear before you enter the event. You do not want to piss them off, so be radically self-reliant and have your shit together when you get to Apogaea.

## Event checklist:

- **Ticket, photo ID, and a signed [liability waiver](#).** (You may want a copy of your photo ID too, in case you lose it. Or your campmates hide it from you so you can't drink anymore.)
- **Water:** 3 gallons per person, per day. Piss clear! Apogaea is held at a high altitude, so 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. I repeat, do not piss off Gate! Be prepared!
- **Weather-appropriate clothing.** Apogaea is in the mountains of Colorado - anything can happen. The sun is bright, rain is wet, snow is cold and hail hurts. We don't usually have trouble with volcanic eruptions, but everything else is a real possibility. Don't expect your neighbor to loan you their polar bear one-sie. Bring your own.
- **Appropriate shoes.** We are sharing our event space with native plants that hate you. Plants with spikes and thorns. Bring your shoes. It also may be muddy, make sure to bring waterproof hiking boots, rain boots, galoshes, wellies or rubbers.
- **Bedding and shelter.** Did we mention this takes place in the mountains in Colorado at 6,000'? That's over a mile above sea level! You'll need something to protect you from sun, rain, and cold.
- **Extra long tent stakes or rebar,** as the dirt is loose and you don't want your tent blowing away. It's hard to sleep in a flying tent.
- **Garbage and recycling bags:** This is a [Leave No Trace](#) event and no trash services will be provided! Think of it as a performance art project where you have to live with all of your own trash. If you don't want to live with it during the event, then pack it out when you leave, don't bring it in.
- **Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat.** The sun is more intense in Colorado. You burn more easily here (pun totally intended).
- **Flashlights and/or headlamps with spare batteries.** It's dark in the woods. You'll want to see where you're going at night.
- **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,...just make sure everyone can see your gear in the dark. Our ungashed shins and untwisted ankles thank you in advance.
- **Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude!**



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# Event checklist (continued)

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**. The camp next door may want to play Toto's 'Africa' for 72 hours straight. Prepare for the worst. Not everyone will want to sleep when you do.
- **Wet wipes/Handi-wipes**. Use your imagination here. There are about a million uses for wet wipes. They are little miracles sent from the heavens for filthy campers. Just don't put them in the porta-potties. Ever.
- **Cameras and watertight protective bags**. A picture is worth a thousand words and you are going to need proof that some of this stuff actually happened. You also want your camera to work when you see the Alien Autopsy-themed puppet show your new friends threw together one afternoon.
- **Costumes**. You can't be too costumed, too decorated, too body-painted, too weird, too fabulous, or too beautiful! Leave no trace and keep your costume bits on your body.
- **Gifts**, toys, trinkets, baubles, magical fabulous-ness and swell stuff to give to your new friends.
- **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.
- **Blinkie lights, glow-in-the-dark tape or something reflective and shiny to light yourself at night**. Embrace the light.
- **Duct tape, zip ties, and Swiss army knife**: the toolkit that can fix pretty much anything, because you never know....
- **Insect repellent**.
- An **extra set of keys** that you can leave with a friend. Locksmiths are expensive and hard to find in the forest.
- A **portable ashtray** (such as a mint tin) at all times for the smokers among us. Your butts don't belong on the ground. (The ones from your cig's or blunts, not the one you sit on, smart ass.)



Photo by Mandolyn Mahone



Photo by Daniel Gonzales



Photo by Angelle Kingston



## DO NOT BRING:

- **Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind.** It's a no on the flamethrowers too. This isn't the wild west...
- **Burn barrels, fire pits, or any ember-producing fire source.** A burn ban is in effect. No fire arts or flaming art pieces this year. See the website for updated information as we near the event and cross your fingers that the weather cooperates so the Stage 1 burn ban gets relaxed.
- **Glow sticks.** You can find reusable LED lights pretty easily on the internet.
- **Charcoal grills** (white gas and propane are okay).
- **Pets.** Banjo and Chairman Meow would rather stay at home and sleep on your couch. Apogaea is not safe or appropriate for your animals.
- **Stuff you want to sell - VENDING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- **Feathers of any kind** based on their MOOP (matter out of place) tendencies. Try faux-fur or DIY some feathers out of fabric instead. It looks cool and gives you something to craft while you bingewatch Orange is the New Black.
- **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.** Styrofoam + camping = MOOP everywhere.
- **Hand-held lasers.** They are dangerous. **They can blind people.** Enough said!

# Getting there

## Maps

[Denver, CO to Valdez, CO](#)

[Denver Airport \(DIA\) to Valdez, CO](#)

[Santa Fe Airport to Valdez, CO](#)

## Directions

The event is located near the town of Valdez, Colorado, 90 minutes south of Pueblo, Colorado. 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 really close to

## 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. Also, don't piss off law enforcement.

## Support the Local Economy

Consider supporting the local economy whenever possible! Please help us be the best neighbor we can to all of the communities surrounding Apogaea. Why not grab a meal on your way in or out of the event in nearby Trinidad or bolster your beer supplies? How about fueling up and buying supplies at the local hardware store or ice at the local convenience stores? The nearest gas station, food co-op, shopping center and liquor store to Apogaea are located in Trinidad, Colorado, which is approximately a 20-minute drive from the event site, and are extremely eager to supply our event. Every purchase we make in the local economy helps build goodwill. Make sure you let everyone you interact with know that you are an Apogaea participant!

## 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. Leave No Trace applies to the roads too! Keep your stuff in or on your vehicle, not on the side of the road.

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

Entry for REGISTERED SETUP ONLY\*: Wednesday 6/8 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Gate Hours for everyone:

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

Friday 6/10 - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 6/11 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

## ALL GATE HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

\*Approval is needed for REGISTERED SETUP. If you are not approved to be on the land during setup, you will not be allowed on site. 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. This is intended for pre-event staff and volunteers ONLY. 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. **If any individual does not have approval for early entry prior to the official gate opening, the entire vehicle will be turned away.** Theme camps or art installations requiring extra time for setup might be eligible for early arrival.

Contact [dpw@apogaea.com](mailto: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](#)
- Stay in your car until directed otherwise by Gate staff
- Gate may ask to see your first aid kit

### 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, maybe. A cold, tasty beverage goes a long way, and unlike the zoo, you are welcome to feed the animals at Gate
- 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.**

## In-and-Out Policy

If you need to leave the event and wish to re-enter, you will need to purchase a \$10 in-and-out wristband upon leaving the event (only available during Gate hours). This cost is per person. Please also have your ticket on you, as you will need both the ticket and the 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. Again, if you need to leave and return **DUE TO EMERGENCY**, check with the Gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.





Photo by Codiak

## Greeters

Greeting is an important part of the Apogaea experience. The Greeters will give you a quiz covering the contents of the Survival Guide and will dole out creative punishment for anyone failing the quiz. Greeting is also where the fun begins! Free hugs from Greeters!

Contact [greeters@apogaea.com](mailto:greeters@apogaea.com) for more information.

## Parking

- There is limited parking space. Carpooling is **highly recommended** because you don't hate the planet and want it to die. And for limited parking. Okay, probably just for the limited parking.
- 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 near your camping site. You will be permitted to pull off the side of the road inside the event, put your gear out near the road and 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. At this time, you will need to walk (or wheelbarrow) your gear from the side of the road to your actual camp site. You will not be able to access your vehicle during the event, so plan accordingly.
- Remember that time when I said you may have to lug your gear from the road to your camp (hint: it was the last bullet point you read)? I meant it. You may have to lug it in the rain, you may have to lug it though it's a pain, you may have to lug it, so don't **f\*\*\*ing complain. #DrSeuss'ed**
- 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, or department vehicles and be registered for a parking pass. Vehicles without 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 an extremely steep hill and filled with weasels on illicit steroids.
- Your camp needs to be broken down before you get your vehicle for Exodus. **Please do not bring your car back into the event until you are completely packed.** This will reduce the number of cars coming back into event grounds and let you leave quicker.
- 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 vehicle policy for mutant vehicles can be found at <http://apogaea.com/art-installations/art-cars-mutant-vehicles/>



## Event Staff

With great power, comes great responsibility. You are responsible for your own powerful experience.

### 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! Thus far, there is no word on whether local law enforcement accepts free hugs, so get their consent first.

### 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, and can provide a generous ear and free hugs). Contact [rangers@apogaea.com](mailto:rangers@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. 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, WWWWW 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](mailto:infobooth@apogaea.com) for more information.

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

BAMF is the all-volunteer organization that oversees fire safety for art burns, and provides the Apogaea community with emergency fire-fighting and medical 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.

### 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.



## Bureau of Apogaea Medical & Fire (B\*A\*M\*F\*) Rules for Staying Alive:

In the creation of Apogaea, we create an environment that is governed by physical laws that cannot be ignored. You are responsible for your own survival, safety and well-being and that of your children. The following is designed to help you thrive...

- Collaboration - New for 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 has 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 consist of doctors, nurses and medics, etc. 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). Last year we handed out over 100 Band-Aids. This demonstrated a sad lack of Self-Reliance and overloaded the medical volunteers.
- **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. This is not a substitute for radical self-reliance! Your survival is your responsibility. However, if you need immediate assistance, look for a Ranger or any Apogaea Volunteer with a radio.

### 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 is in a prairie desert, and much like the Playa at Burning Man, there is no shade and temperatures can get to 100°F during the day and drop 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 Shits** – Wash your hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer or soap and water. Wipes are a great idea, as long as you remember to leave no trace. Rinse your dishes in a 10% bleach solution then rinse again with water.
3. **Electrolytes and Snacks** – Apogaea will be in a harsh environment this year and you will lose water and electrolytes without a sweat. 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. **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 a lot of time at Apogaea to have fun, just pace yourself. 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 will be on new land this year - a prairie desert cattle ranch in Trinidad. New land = new risks. This virgin property 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** (that's the plural of cactus, as in a metric ton of cacti) - Please do not sit or walk barefoot on our natural vegetation. Duct tape works really well for removing needles. If you must remove the cacti from your immediate camping area, use a shovel, and pile the cactus up in one area, rather than scattering it 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 other safety services personnel. If an animal begins to be a pest, alert a Ranger to the situation, and do not take matters into your own hands. Colorado carries it's own risks of bugs (ticks and spiders), rattlesnakes, and wildlife. 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.



Photo by Gritty Kitty



## Fire Information & Performance

To repeat the information you should have already memorized in the Fire Ban 2016 section: due to the increased risk of wildfires, the Apogaea board and B\*A\*M\*F\* have decided to adhere to the Stage One fire ban for the 2016 event. This means no wood, charcoal, or solid-fuel fires that can emit sparks will be permitted anywhere at the event. 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.
- 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 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.

## Fire Performance

Due to Stage One Fire Ban status, there is a chance that fire spinning and other fire performance arts may only be allowed in certain areas or not allowed at the event at all. For more information, contact [fireperformer@apogaea.com](mailto:fireperformer@apogaea.com).

Photo by Dirty Santa



## 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/spark 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 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 FIRE-PROOF 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
- 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.
- **Quiet hours are from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will be strictly enforced.** This includes megaphones, art cars or any other source of amplified sound. During these hours, sound within your camp must not permeate beyond the perimeter of your camp.
- 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 [mith@apogaea.com](mailto:mith@apogaea.com) for more sound camp 411

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## 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, 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.



## Participate

You only get better by playing.  
There are no spectators here!  
Here are some ways you can get involved:

## Volunteer

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

Departments looking for volunteers during the event include: Gate (whom you should not piss off), Greeters (for people who like free hugs), Greeners (for whom Leave No Trace is a way of life), Lamplighters (who light the city without fail), Center Camp (if you ever wanted to be a circus ringleader), De-Greeters (for people who like more free hugs), 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 drink you under the table), Info Booth (info-maniacs who know where the secret good stuff is happening), ASS (Apo. secret service agents), BAMF (for superheroes with medical and fire emergency training), and Rangers (who are like the Girl/Boy Scouts, but with better outfits and beer).

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/>. 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.** 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**.



## 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, we want to see it!



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, lasers, and anything involving fire.

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



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## Mutant Vehicles (aka Art Cars)

We are allowed to have Mutant vehicles this year! 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.

### Mutant Vehicle Rules (for gas or electric vehicles eligible for operation during Apogaea):

- Register with the Department of Mutant Vehicles by **May 15**. Register here: <http://apogaea.com/art-installations/art-cars-mutant-vehicles/>
- All Mutant Vehicle policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of Apogaea (think rain event, emergency, etc.).
- 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 will be required to preregister and list all drivers and contact data (camp, how to contact, etc.)
- 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?

- Apogaea will take your keys and you won't get your Mutant Vehicle back until Sunday at 10 AM. Failure to abide by the rules will result in immediate loss of driving privileges. These people can revoke your driving privileges and take your keys: Event Leads, ASS and Board members. If any of these people revoke your driving privileges, you must surrender your keys, the Event Lead will return them to you Sunday at 10 AM.
- You might not get to have the art car or driver operating at future events. You worked so hard on that Mutant Vehicle. Don't get it (or yourself) blacklisted.



## Kids

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 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.*

In 2016 there is a *significant increase* in the level of physical hazards present at our new location and a need for compliance with much stricter safety precautions.

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



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## 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. See a complete list of Ejection-able Offenses at the end of the Survival Guide.

Please see the [Youth](#) section of the Apogaea website for additional information and resources for kids and families.



## Kids (continued)

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 guardian, or have been 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 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 & Hazards

The new site contains many hazards not encountered at previous Apogaea festivals. 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

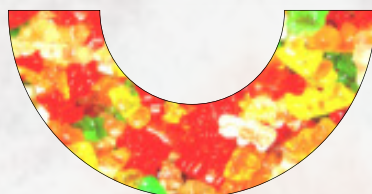


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## Adult Content

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).

Be responsible for yourself and your child. 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.



# Keep It Clean—Leave No Trace

## Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event!

There are no garbage collection services at Apogaea. Every participant is responsible for their trash and other **MOOP - matter out of place**. MOOP includes anything you bring into the event: tent stakes, bottle caps, ashes, wood debris, orange peels, cigarette butts, pistachio shells, rope fibers, 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'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 each participant spend 1-2 hours picking up MOOP after they have cleaned up their camp prior to their departure.



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## Port-a-potties

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! We are so serious about this.

**Super serious.** Your Port-a-Potty is your friend. Don't ruin that relationship!

- 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!

## 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](mailto:DPW@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.



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## Exodus—Still 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 and do not be a jerk. Leave no trace.

## Food and Tool 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 (<http://www.mrcco.org/>). 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 will also be accepting donations to support the Clean-up crew, as well as tools and equipment to build Apogaea in the future. Please keep this in mind and share the joy with this crew! DPW may be able to accept perishable food items, such as fruit or baked goods that the food bank would be unable to take.

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## 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 for which you are responsible has proper adult supervision at all times
  - ◊ Children 12 and under must under the direct control of a responsible adult at all times
  - ◊ During the hours of 10 PM to 5AM, all participants under 18 must be accompanied by an 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 (aka radio, or knowledge of parent/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 boundaries
- Unsafe driving
- Malicious destruction of property
- Possession of weapons
- Possession of alcohol if under 21
- Serving alcohol to someone under 21
- 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

## Lasers

### *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 this year's Apogaea regional event.

### *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 here on pages 18 and 19: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/UCM119257.pdf>



## Apogaea Media & Propaganda (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.



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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](mailto: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](mailto:photos@apogaea.com) after the event.



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## 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 cross-site. Plus, it's really fun to say, "breaker breaker one nine!" Who is responsible for your ability to contact your loved ones? **YOU!**

## 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.



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**May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor!**  
**Fuck Your Burn! #Apogaea**