

Apogaea

2023 Survival Guide

Glam Space Rodeo

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Read me.

This Survival Guide is important to you and all Participants for a safe and successful Burn. You don't want to get kicked out or endanger the safety of the event and its Participants. Even if you've been around the block, things like fire regulations change annually and you need the updates.

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Welcome to Apogaea!

Apogaea is a collaborative outdoor art and music event held every June in Colorado. Join us, all are welcome!

The event is an experiential forum where our ever-expanding community practices freedom of expression in an environment of participation, sharing, creativity, and consent. We actively embrace the ideals of art, performance, sustainability, radical inclusion, and radical self-reliance.

Apogaea is not a spectator sport and is more than just a break from the Default World. Play along! You create Apogaea as you prepare for the event and while you experience it. The more you put in, the more you get out. So, jump in with all your feet (or paws, or hoofs, or claws, or tentacles)! We invite you to join us in a place where our spirits are as high as the mountains and our minds are as wide open as the plains!

Event Fundamentals

- ✓ Apogaea embraces The Ten Principles of Burning Man plus Consent.
- ✓ Apogaea requires all Participants to obtain the enthusiastic consent of other Participants in your encounters with their person, boundaries, and property. This includes, but is not limited to, any physical interaction including hugs, any photography, video, or audio recording, and more!
- ✓ Apogaea is committed to Diversity, Inclusion, Kindness, and Equity for everyone in our Burner and larger communities.
- ✓ Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event. Pack your stuff in and pack your stuff out, down to the last little speck. The land should be left better than you found it.
- ✓ Apogaea is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. You may not buy or sell anything except ice and utilities provided by the event.
- ✓ Apogaea requires you to follow all fire safety guidelines. Failure to comply with these guidelines is one of the best ways to get yourself immediately ejected.
- ✓ Apogaea does not condone illegal activity of any kind, either during the event, or en route to and from the event.
- ✓ Apogaea requires all Participants to purchase a ticket.
- ✓ Apogaea is created by YOU! All Participants are volunteers. This is your event as much as anyone else's and it doesn't happen without you. Jumping in to take on at least one shift is an important part of the experience.
- ✓ Check out volunteer.apogaea.com for opportunities!

Participation

Apogaea is an effort made by the community for the community; we the People make it happen. You are Apogaea. There are no spectators. Everyone involved with Apogaea is volunteering in order to create this event, including YOU!

Volunteering is an integral part of the Apogaea experience and it's also a great way to meet cool people, interact with your community, and learn some pretty amazing skills. Without volunteers, Apogaea would not exist!

The Ten Principles & Consent

As an officially sanctioned Burning Man Regional event, Apogaea establishes a temporary autonomous zone adhering to the 10 Principles of Burning Man. Following the 10 Principles is expected of all Participants. Additionally, a deep respect for and understanding of our adopted "11th Principle" Consent is demanded of all Participants throughout the event and of all community members throughout the year.

Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of Apogaea. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Gifting

Apogaea is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance

Apogaea encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

Radical Self Expression

Radical Self Expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to Participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

Consent

Consent is for everyone! Consent is respect for the autonomy, agency, safety and lived experience of every Participant in our cities. Recognize and respect people's personal boundaries. People should be able to safely express themselves and enjoy the event, without having to worry about their personal safety.

More About Consent (Yes, It's That Important)

Consent is a mindset that applies to everything all the time, it's not just about sex. We believe that consent plays a vital part in our connectivity and community. Our vision is that all parties feel empowered to participate as they feel comfortable, by "opting in" from a place of enthusiasm and autonomy.

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

- ✦ Each Participant has the right to set or change personal boundaries regarding interaction with other Participants. If you are told NO, asked to stop, or otherwise not given clear, enthusiastic and ongoing consent, this means you must immediately stop what you are doing and respect the boundaries being set for you. Period.
- ✦ It also means that cajoling, pleading, or any form of emotional blackmail in attempt to change a no to a yes is UNACCEPTABLE and will not be tolerated by the community.
- ✦ Our community looks out for each other. We do not tolerate any consent violations, and especially egregious ones in which predators in any way attempt to take advantage of Participants, some of whom may be in a compromised state.
- ✦ Be aware of what's going on around you.
- ✦ Keep an eye out for situations in which you believe another Participant might not be fully consenting (or fully capable of consent).
- ✦ Engage a Ranger if you think it might be necessary.
- ✦ Do not escalate any situation or introduce violence of any kind, but do not stand by while you see someone in an unsafe position.

Having said all that...Apogaea is a place to connect with people, decide who you want to be and what you want to do. If you respect everyone around you, consent can be fun and sexy!

Diversity, Inclusion, Consent & Equity (DICE)

The safety of our Participants is of utmost importance to the Apogaea community and event. We are strengthening our commitment to protect the consent and safety of all Participants.

The DICE Department's goal is to introduce programs for (and by) our community, in hopes of exploring what radical inclusion and diversity looks like in Burning Man culture.

We hope to support, and gain support through active members of the community, to build a more amazing burn for EVERYONE.

Accessibility

It is a great honor to announce that D.I.C.E. will be providing resources to assist those with physical restrictions in having an equitable Burn!

In order to make Apogaea accessible, we are allowing people with a handicap tag or license plate to use their personal vehicle to transport themselves around the land at any time as long as you do not park in fire lanes and follow the 5mph speed limit.

D.I.C.E. will be providing shuttle rides around the land to anyone who needs support in getting around the land. There are two ways to find us:

- ✦ You can look for the loud, brightly-colored golf cart that sounds like an ice-cream truck and is calling out for shuttle rides when we are stopped.

- ✎ For folx who know they will need rides, email dice@apogaea.com so we can add your camp to our regularly scheduled stops. If you have any other questions, feel free to email us with those, too!
- ✎ You can also ask a Ranger to call us on the radio to coordinate a shuttle ride.

Also, feel free to stop by the D.I.C.E carport for harm reduction supplies included but not limited to condoms, Plan B (upon request), NARCAN and more. D.I.C.E also has shade and popsicles, so feel free to come cool down if need be. They will also be hosting daily workshops around issues relevant to diversity, inclusion, consent, and equity, so stop by to see their schedule of events. D.I.C.E is located in Center Camp close to BAMF and Rangers, spot 209.

Photography & Videography

Apogaea is a private event. Apogaea Participants should feel free to express themselves in ways they might not be able to in the Default World. You **MUST** ask before photographing, videotaping, or recording anyone, and for their permission to share said images.

If you are asked to stop, you must do so immediately. Assume a NO unless you get a YES. In addition, redistribution or public display of images, including on the internet, requires the explicit consent of all subject parties.

Leave No Trace

From Our LNT Lead: We are excited to come together for an incredible experience at Apogaea. As we prepare for this event, it's essential to remember our commitment to leaving no trace and preserving the natural beauty of our surroundings. Let's embrace the principles of Leave No Trace (LNT) and ensure that our impact on the environment is minimal.

To help us all stay accountable, we have put together some guidelines and reminders for maintaining a clean and sustainable event:

Event Preparation

- ✎ You are responsible for your own MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). Pack wisely, and remember that anything you bring with you must leave with you.
- ✎ Open items before packing and leave unnecessary packaging at home.
- ✎ Secure your belongings to prevent them from falling off or blowing away during setup and breakdown.
- ✎ Unpackage your items at home to avoid creating MOOP at the event site.
- ✎ Carry garbage bags for your own trash and a small bag to collect any MOOP you come across.
- ✎ Check that nothing you're wearing (sequins, feathers, glitter, etc.) will fall off of you.

During Apogaea:

- ✎ Dispose of waste properly and haul out any trash you generate. Avoid letting it hit the ground.
- ✎ Clean up after yourself as you go, tackling smaller messes to prevent larger ones.
- ✎ Avoid messy meals and activities, and dispose of dishwashing water, food scraps, and cigarette butts properly.
- ✎ Do not leave biodegradable items behind; animals graze in the area, and we want to protect their well-being.

Porta-Potties:

- ✎ Use portable toilets (porta-potties) for human waste and single-ply toilet paper **ONLY**. No baby wipes or feminine hygiene products should be disposed of in the porta-potties.
- ✎ Keep the areas in and around the porta-potties clean.

Responsibility and Awareness:

- ⚡ We all share the responsibility of maintaining a clean environment. Be mindful of any items that could blow away and secure them properly.
- ⚡ Each theme camp should have an LNT Lead and regular shifts within the camp for MOOP collection.
- ⚡ Always be on the lookout for MOOP as you move around the event and do your part to keep the space clean.
- ⚡ Leave natural objects undisturbed, avoiding damage to live trees and plants.
- ⚡ Choose reusable, non-glass drink containers and prioritize recyclable and energy-efficient materials.
- ⚡ Salvage your camp materials and art projects for future reuse or adaptation.

Post-Event:

- ⚡ Before leaving, conduct a final MOOP sweep of your camping area and ensure it is as clean as when you arrived.
- ⚡ Spend 10-15 minutes each day walking around your camping area to pick up any MOOP you find.
- ⚡ We kindly request that each participant spends 1-2 hours picking up MOOP after cleaning up their camp and before departing (Exodus) from the event.

Let's all take pride in our commitment to Leave No Trace and leave Apogaea as beautiful as we found it. By working together, we can ensure a memorable and sustainable experience for everyone.

Event Checklist

In the spirit of Radical Self Reliance, you are first and foremost responsible for your own well-being and survival. The following lists should help you remember many of the most important necessities, as well as which items to leave at home that may be unhelpful or even a hindrance at the event.

Do a test run with your equipment before leaving home; the last thing you want to find out is that your gear is insufficient. Use common sense, follow weather reports (which tend to be reasonably accurate here for a 3-day window), and be familiar with your gear.

You Must Bring:

- ✚ **Photo ID** that matches the name for your ticket, a printout of your e-ticket. (A copy of your photo ID too; in case you lose it. Even with an over 21 wristband, you will be required to show ID before any camp will serve you alcohol.)
- ✚ **Water to drink, bathe, and prepare food.** A minimum of 1.5 gallons per person, per day for drinking. Piss clear! You may need more water and electrolytes than you do at home. And don't forget the water is also for washing yourself or your dishes, not just drinking, so plan accordingly.
- ✚ **Enough food and beverage 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.
- ✚ **First Aid Kit, toiletries, required prescriptions, single-ply toilet paper, prescription drugs, soap, insulin, ibuprofen/aspirin, lube, contact lens 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, so have it ready. Check out Burning Man's list by visiting bit.ly/BMFirstAid
- ✚ **Fire extinguisher(s)** for your camp (1 minimum for 10 people)
- ✚ **Extra-long tent stakes or rebar,** as the dirt is loose, and you don't want your tent blowing away. It always happens. Don't be that guy.
- ✚ **Garbage and recycling bags.** Apogaea is a Leave No Trace event and no trash services will be provided! You are responsible to remove everything you brought in with you, and to leave the space at least as good as you found it.
- ✚ **Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat.** The sun is intense in Colorado One day of running around in a halter top without a hat and sunscreen could leave you burnt and miserable for the rest of the event. Be prepared.
- ✚ **Flashlights and/or head lamps with spare batteries.** It's dark out there at night. You'll want to see where you're going, and where you're aiming in the porta potties Headlamps are particularly useful.
- ✚ **Lights or reflective materials** for your outfit and your bike, like LED lighting, EL wire, reusable glow sticks, and blinky things. Not only do you need to see, but it's good for other people to see you to avoid unpleasant collisions, an unfortunate possible occurrence with life as a darkwad. And it's another chance to art yourself up!
- ✚ **Weather-appropriate clothing.** Colorado's weather is notoriously fickle. Anything can and probably will happen. Extreme sun and heat, giant hail, rain or snow. Sometimes all within a couple hours! Be ready for all of it. Think of it as an opportunity to show off a diverse wardrobe of giant fur coats, onesies, bikinis and tutus.
- ✚ **Appropriate shoes.** Apogaea's home is full of cacti and other painful spikes. The ground is uneven, and a storm could leave the ground muddy and slippery. Don't come in your bare hippie feet or bring a pair of flip flops and expect to be fine because it's summer. Have hiking boots, waterproof boots, and anything you need to keep your feet safe and dry.
- ✚ **Coolers** to keep your perishable food and beverages cold and edible, so you enjoy it and don't end up trashing it.
- ✚ **Cookware and a camp cooking stove.**
- ✚ **Bedding & shelter.** This is Colorado. You will need protection from the sun, the cold, and maybe rain and hail. A poncho and a hammock are unlikely to be enough. And as cute as you are, don't assume somebody will take you in. Your temporary home is your radical responsibility.

- ✎ **Something to mark or cover your tent stakes** (and tie-downs). You can cap rebar or stakes with tennis balls, mark your tie-downs with solar lights, add glow tape or paint to your stakes and wires. Make sure everyone can see your gear in the dark. Anyone who's been on the receiving end of a 3am rebar to the shin knows why this is important
- ✎ **Weed whackers and shovels.** The land Apogaea takes place on has not been used for large scale events since before the pandemic, therefore you may find your camp could be placed on some land that requires a little additional maintenance before setting up.
- ✎ Anything you're not prepared to pack out should not be brought in.

We Strongly Suggest You Bring:

- ✎ **Art and art installations!** Apogaea is all about self-expression, and what better way to express yourself than by creating and sharing a work of art? All forms of art are welcome and those that include an interactive component can be even better. For example, anything that can be handled, climbed or manipulated by Participants is great for this event. Don't be shy: any little thing you bring adds to the experience.
- ✎ **Instruments, decorations or any other elements** that you think might improve the atmosphere, vibe and experience for yourself and others.
- ✎ **A reusable cup or mug.** Don't miss out when someone offers you the best drink at Apo because you didn't have a cup!
- ✎ **Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols, sheets, tarps, tents, parachutes, and/or something to break the midday sun.**
- ✎ **Earplugs.** Expect noise at any point during the event, including when you want to sleep. You may also want to protect your eardrums as you cozy up to the thumping speakers.
- ✎ **Wet wipes / baby wipes.** You will be deeply happy to have these, sometimes your only respite from living in your own filth for days. Keep these out of the porta potties, though. Pack them in, pack the used ones out with your trash.
- ✎ **Portable ashtrays** (for smokers). LNT means cigarette butts, too! A metal container for mints or candy works well.
- ✎ **Cameras & watertight protective bags.** You will see incredible things at Apogaea. Some hard to describe! Let your pictures (taken with the consent of anyone included) be a memory to share after you've returned to the default world.
- ✎ **Costumes.** This is a chance to turn yourself into art to share with everyone. Be whoever you want to be, wearing whatever you want to wear! But leave the feathers, glitter, or any other MOOP-producing things at home. Your costume should leave as it came, with a little extra dirt.
- ✎ **Gifts, toys, trinkets, a volunteer shift or better two,** baubles, sunscreen, stickers, performing music, magical fabulousness and swell stuff to give to your new friends. Handmade? Even better.
- ✎ **Labels.** Put your name and contact information on EVERYTHING! Cameras, phones, and keys are really hard to return to you if they don't have labels.
- ✎ **Bikes.** Biking is an awesome, fast way to get around the event. Bring your bike locks and put reflectors or lights on your bikes so everyone can see you. Take pictures of your bike and label it with your name and address (in Default and at Apogaea) so if you get separated, you can find each other again.
- ✎ **Spare tubes, patch kits and the ability to use them are a must.** It is cactus-ville.
- ✎ **Duct tape**
- ✎ **Reflective tape**
- ✎ **Zip ties**
- ✎ **Swiss army knife or Leatherman.**
- ✎ **Insect repellent.**
- ✎ **Wide-brimmed hats for sun protection.**

- ✎ **Bandanas or dust masks.** Like cowboys use.
- ✎ **Lotion and lip balm.**
- ✎ **An extra set of keys** that you can leave with a friend.

Do Not Bring!

- ✎ **Firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any kind.** It's the Wild West only to an extent.
- ✎ **Burn barrels, fire pits, or any ember-producing fire source.** Glow sticks. Use LED lights instead.
- ✎ **Charcoal grills** (white gas and propane grills are OK, [see specific instructions in the Fire section of this guide](#))
- ✎ **Pets.** We know you love them. So, you want them to be safe and happy at home. Apogaea is not safe or appropriate for your animals. In previous years, people showed up to the event with animals and were turned away at the gate. If you believe you have a qualifying ADA service animal, contact
- ✎ **Stuff you want to sell.** No vending nor money should exchange hands at Apogaea, except for specific official Onsite Utilities mentioned in this Guide. Gifting, however, is wonderful and encouraged!
- ✎ **Feathers of any kind.** Feathers produce MOOP (matter out of place). Get creative with faux furs and other fun materials that will stay attached to you or your outfit without any bits coming off.
- ✎ **Glass containers of any kind.** Guess what? When glass breaks it is sharp!
- ✎ **Excess packaging from food** (for example, remove outer box from cereals and just bring the bag). Anything that could create a considerable amount of MOOP and/or potentially damage the land.
- ✎ **Glitter or sequins or anything that will break up** and blow away in the wind like confetti, loose paper, etc.
- ✎ **Nuts in their shells.** Treat yourself and get them shelled so you don't have to deal with the trash.
- ✎ **Styrofoam coolers.** Styrofoam + camping = MOOP everywhere. Just don't.
- ✎ **Hand-held lasers.** They are dangerous. They can blind people. See more about lasers later in this Guide.
- ✎ **Drones.** They are only permitted if you have already registered your drone.
- ✎ **A signed liability waiver.** They will already be printed for you and available at Gate.

Gifting

Apogaea promotes the principles of Gifting and Decommodification. To provide an experience free of commercial exploitation, sales of products or services of any kind are prohibited at the event. This includes the sale of handmade items, food and beverages for any amount, even if it is less than the cost of production.

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

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

Utilities

Ice

Although there are no concessions available at the event, for your health and convenience, ice is available for purchase Thursday through Saturday at Center Camp.

Ice is \$6 for a 7lb bag or 10lb block.

We recommend bringing exact change.

Water

Water Delivery is available at Apo 2023 but only for camps or individuals with large format tanks such as an IBC tank or large holding tank, minimum size is 250 gal. for on-site fill.

For filling of smaller containers (under 250 gal.):

Please visit The Water Station in Trinidad on your way to Apo or another vendor before you arrive on-site.

Address: 2400 Nevada Avenue, Trinidad, CO 81082

Hours: M-F - 8am-5pm, closed on weekends

No fills will be scheduled during Apo and any on-site fill must be scheduled and coordinated in advance.

Propane

Pickup in town:

Bulk Water Pick-Up, Reverse Osmosis Water, and Alkaline Water are available 24/7

2400 Nevada Avenue Trinidad, CO 81082

thewaterstation.info

Office Hours Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday and Sunday closed.

To fill tanks smaller than 100lbs:

Visit Al's Gas at 34400 CO-12, Trinidad, CO 81082

8a-5p Mon-Fri (Closed Weekends)

Snow Peak fuel is available at Fishers Peak Outfitters (Trinidad) and 1lb Coleman tanks are at Walmart.

APOGAEA RESOURCE GUIDE

Designing a Radical Self-Reliance Experience
2023

WATER

SCHEDULE A WATER DELIVERY

Camps or individuals with 250 gallons or more be sure to plan your deliveries before May 18th:

thewateringholellc20@gmail.com

PICKUP IN TOWN AT THE WATER STATION

Bulk Water Pick-Up, Reverse Osmosis Water, and Alkaline Water are available 24/7

2400 Nevada Avenue
Trinidad, CO 81082

<https://thewaterstation.info/>

Office Hours Monday - Friday
8am - 5pm Saturday and
Sunday closed.



OR

PROPANE

SCHEDULE A PROPANE DELIVERY

You cannot have less than 100lb tanks filled by delivery.

100, 500, and 1000lb tanks for rent.

Plan your fuel delivery by May 18.

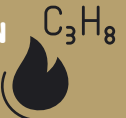
Please contact
LHG@APOGAEA.COM to arrange
100-500lb fillups or rentals.

PICKUP IN TOWN

If you have need of 500lbs or more please contact High Plains LP directly. (719) 845-7612

To fill tanks smaller than 100lbs:
Visit Al's Gas at 34400 CO-12,
Trinidad, CO 81082 8a-5p Mon-Fri
(Closed Weekends)

Snow Peak fuel is
available at Fishers Peak
Outfitters (Trinidad), and
1lb Coleman tanks are at
Walmart.



GASOLINE/DIESEL

FUEL AND VEHICLE EMERGENCIES

BIG 4 COUNTRY STORE

Purchase your gas or diesel just outside of the event!

Please transport and store your fuel in approved containers!

Plan ahead with a fuel delivery or order an emergency delivery of unleaded or diesel:
Call (719) 680-3556

Need a jump or tow?
Call A-1 Automatics and Towing
(719) 846-6193

Stuck Bus, semi, or RV? Call
M&M 1-800-862-8546

LOCAL RESOURCES

Camping Supplies:
Fishers Peak Outfitters 10a-6p
(closed Tuesday)
304 W Main St, Trinidad | (719) 422-8223

Costumes:
Please visit Trinidad's many
thrift stores!

Bikes:
Sales/Rentals/Maintenance:
Tarantula Cycles | 516 E Elm St,
Trinidad
<https://www.tarantulacycles.com/> |
(719) 270-0878

LockOut:
Select Pro Locksmith
(719) 888-1998

Construction/Tools:
BLDRS Supply
(719) 846-9211

Electronics/Soldering:
Trinidad Tech Shop
(719) 422-3035

Emergency Deliveries:
Safe Rides (719) 680-3556

PLAN AHEAD!

WWW.APOGAEA.COM

2023 Weather

Expect it to be rainy. Be prepared to be wet. It may hail and be windy. Vehicles may be the safest and driest place in threatening weather, please keep an eye on the horizon.

The seven P's: (Proper prior planning prevents piss poor performance):

- ✓ If you leave your camp, make sure that everything has been secured and is not vulnerable to weather damage.
- ✓ Bring a rain coat. Get one if you don't have one.
- ✓ Sturdy hiking boots are probably the best footwear, bring sock changes.

Getting There

Support the Local Economy

Let's be great neighbors to the communities surrounding Apogaea. Exercise the principle of Civic Responsibility and respect the local community!

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

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

Directions

The event is located near the town of Valdez, Colorado, approximately 90 minutes south of Pueblo. Please find driving directions at apogaea.com/venue-map-gate

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

Secure Your Load

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

Here are some precautions to help make your load safe:

Do not exceed the load or towing capacity of your vehicle or trailer. Do not exceed the weight recommendations for the trailer and hitch.

Load your vehicle safely. Heavy items should be located low, centered and over or between the axles. For trailers, load the heaviest items toward the front. Do not overload the roof.

Make sure that the brakes and lights work for the vehicle and the trailer.

Always use safety chains.

Gate

Tickets & Liability Waivers

Every Participant at Apogaea must have a ticket (except for children 12 and under). All tickets this year are e-tickets, so if you have purchased a ticket, your name will be on the list at Gate. Each Participant will be given a wristband at gate, which must always be worn during the event. Anyone found not wearing a wristband will be subject to ejection from the event. Participants under the age of 21 will be given a wristband of a different color.

Every Participant must also sign a Liability Waiver upon entry. You do not need to print your waiver ahead of time as Gate will have these available. You will not receive a wristband and entry to the event without this signed waiver.

Gate Hours (Mountain Time Obviously)

If you arrive outside the operational hours for the gate, you will be turned away. There will be no after hours or late entry. It doesn't matter if you have checked in before gate closes or not.

Please prepare accordingly and arrive when the gate is open.

- ✔ Thu, June 8: 8 AM – 10 PM
- ✔ Fri, June 9: 8 AM – 8 PM
- ✔ Sat, June 10: 8 AM – 12 PM

The entrances to the property are watched, so please do not make your hard working Apogaeans who volunteer for these positions eject you. If you are found to have entered without checking in or not registering an emergency to return you will be ejected for the year. No one wants that. There is security on site. Please don't make the festival hard on them.

Early Entry

Early entry is available to all DPW, Ignition, Volunteers, and some members of art installations or theme camps. Participants with early entry can arrive Wed, June 7 at 8am - 8pm. In order to be admitted, ALL members of your vehicle must be eligible for early entry. Contact ee@apogaea.com to ensure eligibility.

Be Prepared for Your Arrival

- ✔ Have a printout of your ticket purchase, as cell service is unreliable.
- ✔ Have your government-issued photo ID
- ✔ Have enough food, water, and equipment to survive the event
- ✔ Sign the liability waiver
- ✔ Stay in your car until directed otherwise by Gate staff
- ✔ Gate may ask to see your first aid kit; have it easily accessible
- ✔ Please make sure the ticket is in your name and everyone in the party has their ticket. You will have to wait at gate if any attendees are not present and you have their tickets. There is no cell service on site.
- ✔ Please no matter how small your stove or fire making devices are have at least a one time use fire extinguisher handy.
- ✔ Please come on time or plan on camping at gate

Other Considerations

- ✔ You will have to wait at gate if any attendees are not present and you have their tickets. While your name should be on the list at gate, this will help in case any issues arise.
- ✔ Your vehicle will be searched, specifically for stowaways and items not allowed in the city

- ✚ Follow the direction of the Gate volunteers and move your vehicle when directed
- ✚ Gate itself is a mile and a half from Apogaea. We know you're excited, but please drive slowly for safety and to keep down the dust in the area.
- ✚ You will be required to verbally acknowledge that you understand the policies in this guide
- ✚ Due to emergency, if you need to leave and return, check with the Gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

Working Gate is a tough shift that takes Participants away from the event to sweat and search your cars. Respect and appreciate your gate volunteers and maybe show them some love with a cold beverage or other way to brighten their day.

Greeters

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

Placement Map

A printer friendly PDF map of all camp locations at Apogaea 2023 can be found on the next page.

apogaea.com/venue-map-gate/

Note: Apogaea may not have cell service. Do NOT rely on the Google Maps "live map" link as your only map for on-site use. Print a copy of the PDF for ease of reference during the event.

Parking

RVs, trailers, and car camping (cars that you will be sleeping in) are welcome at the event.

If you are planning to bring an RV, trailer, or car camp, and you are not with a registered theme camp, you will need to find an available spot in designated open camping upon your arrival.

There are no parking restrictions except ensuring you are not on the roads (even during load in and out) and you will also need to make sure that brush is cleared and the grass is mowed from underneath any place you plan to park cars. This is for fire safety reasons.

All cars must be marked in order to make it easy to find their owners in case of emergency.

Vehicles may be towed if they impede the event functioning as planned and operated by the Apogaea organization or if they are intruding on emergency access lanes. Roads and emergency access lanes must remain unobstructed during the entire event, including setup and breakdown.

If the owner of the vehicle cannot be found, then the vehicle risks being towed at the owner's expense.

In & Out Policy

Participants are expected to remain at the event until you're ready to leave. Participants are not allowed in and out access to the event unless it is an emergency or Participants have applied and been approved before the event.

If you know in advance that you will need to leave the event at some point, please apply for in-and-out access before the event. It is \$10 to exit per person, cash only, exact change. Participants will each be given a wristband to reenter for free, upon return. You will need to have your ticket and photo ID on you, as you will need those and your wristband to re-enter. All must purchase a pass on-site and exit and re-enter during Gate hours

If you need to leave and return DUE TO EMERGENCY, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.

Cell Phone Service

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

Port-o-Potties

We got 'em, because everybody poops. They are cleaned and restocked daily. LNT carries through to the portos, too. If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! It may sound cute, but it's also super serious. **DO NOT PUT TAMPONS, TRASH OR HANDI-WIPES IN THE TOILET!** Take a Ziplock bag into the port-a-potty with you and pack these items out. Trash in the toilets will prevent us from pumping them and will threaten the viability of the event.

- ✎ Don't leave stuff lying on the floors or around the outside of the potties.
- ✎ Do not put greywater into the potties.
- ✎ The land is a delicate ecosystem - do not use it as a toilet.
- ✎ Put the lid down when you are done - this helps keep the Port-a-Potty smelling better. For reals.
- ✎ Do not duct tape anything to the port-a-potties. Duct tape will leave a residue when removed. Use clear tape.

Lost & 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. 🍎

Art

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

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

If you're on Facebook, we recommend checking out the Apogaea General Information and the We ARE Apogaea groups to stay on top of the latest information and get psyched for the event! We also HIGHLY recommend checking out the...

WWW (Who What Where When)

The WWW (Who What When Where) is your guide to Apogaea!

Every registered theme camp, art installation, mutant vehicle, and more are laid out in an easy-to-read format so you can plan your participation. We also offer a map of the land so you can get around easily and find what you're looking for. All infrastructure and departments are listed as well. Take a look at apourl.co/www to get familiar with all the glory of the event.

Sanctuary

If at any point during the event, you would like to find some peace, we encourage you to find the Sanctuary for this. Sanctuary provides a safe and quiet space at the event where there are sanctuary "Sitters" to assist those in need.

The Temple & The Effigy

In the tradition of Burning Man, the culmination of Apogaea is centered around a Temple & an Effigy. The Temple is meant to create a reverent space where Participants can meditate, honor what has been lost or gained, go inward, slow down, let go, or whatever other experience can be made of it. The Temple is a space dedicated to reflection and release, as a counterpoint to the high energy present through most of the event.

The Effigy is a celebration of community. Members of the community build it, gather around it, watch performances involving it, burn it, and dance to its warmth.

Check out apogaea.com/temple-effigy for information on The 2023 Temple & Effigy, as well as previous years' installations.

Sound Policy

If you have not registered as a sound camp, you do not have permission to have sound at Apogaea. If you have registered, all sound gear needs to be checked in at the gate upon entry.

All sound must be pointed up the valley in the North and NW directions. Be a good neighbor! Talk to the camps around yours to see what they're planning and to coordinate. For example, turn down your sound or rethink the screaming death metal while the next camp is having their fancy tea party.

Medium and loud sound camps are required to bring a working microphone to assist with announcements in the event of an emergency. Subwoofers must be on palettes. This will prevent the bass from traveling as far as it would with speakers on the ground.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours will be enforced between 4:00 am and 10:00 am during the whole event. All camps will be required to reduce their volumes so that they may not be heard at camp's edge.

Enforcement

The Sound Lead, any ratified Sound Team Liaisons, and elected Board Members present are responsible for the enforcement of this Sound Policy. These individuals may request at any time and for any reason that a camp or individual turn down, turn off, reorient, or otherwise alter any sound producing device or machine. Failure to comply with these requests will result in consequences ranging from an order to power off the equipment to possible expulsion from the event.

Mutant Vehicles (aka Art Cars)

An Art Car, or Mutant Vehicle, is a vehicle that has been radically, stunningly and safely modified. A Mutant Vehicle is not a private mode of transportation but rather a vehicle that the community has the opportunity to visit and/or ride in during the event.

All mutant vehicles should have already been preregistered, with all drivers and contact data listed (camp, how to contact, etc.) with the Apogaea Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV).

Mutant vehicles must meet certain standards of structural and mechanical integrity. This standard always applies to all Mutant Vehicles. A violation of public safety could result in immediate eviction from the event.

All Mutant Vehicle policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of Apogaea (in case of weather or other emergency).

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

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

Law Enforcement

Familiarize yourself with all local, state and federal laws as you would in any municipality to ensure you're in compliance. 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, really). We wish our interactions with all law enforcement and county officials to remain positive, so feel free to say hello! Remember that, like anyone, you should obtain consent before giving free hugs to any officials.

Rangers

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

Contact rangers@apogaea.com for more information.

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
- ✓ Event Security
- ✓ Physical hazards
- ✓ Summoning medical, fire or other emergency assistance
- ✓ Moral support for any great but painful life- changing moments

DPW, Rangers, and BAMF will all be checking for wristbands to make sure everyone on the property has permission to be there. Wristbands also signify that you will remain within the event boundaries which are marked with colored tape. Help them out and report anyone you see without a wristband. These departments will also be checking for underage drinking. Keep in mind, they're here to protect you and the event.

Info Booth

During the event, if you have questions, this is the place to start. Info Booth volunteers can help you get answers, or at the very least, can get you pointed in the right direction. They have placement maps, WWW guides, a message board, daily schedules, lost & found, and can help put you in contact with other departments during the event.

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.

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

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

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

BAMF is the organization that oversees fire safety for art burns and provides the Apogaea community with emergency fire-fighting and medical services. BAMF exists to help manage unplanned emergency situations during the event and is not a substitute for your own planning for safety.

FAST inspections will occur throughout the day on Thursday and Friday.

Current 2023 | Stage 1 Burn Ban Status

We are expecting higher than typical humidity levels and precipitation through the duration of the event. Temperatures ranging from 41 overnight to 75 during the day. Low wind speeds.

NO – Wood or charcoal fires of any kind including burn barrels

NO – Fire performance tools (poi, staves, etc.) outside of 100% cleared zones that are designated by Apogaea.

NO – Ground effects from fire performance tools

NO – Homemade gas fire warming pits or barrels

YES – Portable gas cooking stoves are still permitted (elevated off the ground, or in cleared out areas)

YES – Smoking is still permitted in cleared out areas (aka roads)

YES – UL Propane fire pits are allowed in cleared and designated areas and within the required safety parameters (fire extinguisher present, area cleared of fuels.)

Requirements Around Fire

No in-ground campfires, charcoal barbecues, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives are allowed.

Any Propane fire art, circles, or appliances larger than a camp stove must be inspected by BAMF before use.

Cooking stoves must be on an elevated surface or a level surface with any dry vegetation within one yard around the stove removed.

All generators, fuel storage, and potential spark-sources must be placed in areas in which all dry vegetation has been removed. 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.

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

Way more fire information can be found at apogaea.com/fire

Generators

Generators must be in good working order and free of obstructions. Clear all flammable materials away from the generator area: grass, pillows, furry coats, etc.

Liquid fuel storage containers must be designed for the purpose and must NOT be stored directly on the ground (use an additional tub or secondary containment). Store fuel at least 20 away from the generator and from any tents or structures.

Generators must be the 'quiet' type, or have sound baffling to reduce noise (<60db). Any sound baffles must be made of non-combustible materials, and must have sufficient ventilation for intake and the exhaust. Do not fully enclose generators. If any part of the baffle is too hot to touch, it isn't safe!

All camps with generators must have an ABC fire extinguisher within clear view of the generator, but not next to it or next to the fuel.

Apo fire volunteers will be walking around the event checking on generator operation, and may request additional precautions depending on the situation.

Want to Spin Fire?

You must attend a MANDATORY safety meeting to be allowed to spin fire at Apogaea. Meetings will be held at Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Participants who have already attended the HotCoco Fire Safety meetings are exempt from this requirement.

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.

Collaboration

Again, this year, Apogaea's Medical volunteers are collaborating with an event EMS team in order to expand our level of care. BAMF and our contractor have essential infrastructure and personnel to offer services to treat major and minor illnesses and trauma. Apogaea's Medical volunteers will continue to operate within the scope of basic first aid, and they consist of doctors, nurses, medics, and other professionals who donate their time and medical expertise as their gift to the community. Our agenda remains the same: make sure our friends and family get the assistance they need, and if we are unable to provide that assistance on-site then we will help them get to where they need to be

2023 B*A*M*F* on How Not to Die

- ✚ Be spark aware this year! No outdoor smoking! There will be several BAMF approved designated smoking tents (they have to be flame retardant to be approved). Cigarette ashes and butts must be contained. No spark creating devices (generators must have spark arrestors, dragons must be sternly talked to). Please be safe, sane, and responsible: we all have a role in preventing wildfire.
- ✚ Do you have a generator? Will you be running a propane stove? Are you just too hot to handle? If the answer is yes to any of the above, bring a fire extinguisher and then bring one more for good luck. Seriously, BAMF wants you to bring two so you have a back up and are radically self-reliant.
- ✚ If you have a generator in your camp, or are running stoves with propane, be aware of your fuel storage location! Keep fuel in an obvious location and far away from sleeping areas. Also clear out one of your extra containers to put your fuel in to meet the requirements for secondary containment.
- ✚ Prepare for hot days and cold nights! Daytime highs are 85-90 degrees with full sun, and nighttime lows are 50-55 degrees. Consider it an excuse to bring even more costume changes and practice your affirmative consent gathering as you make new snuggle friends.
- ✚ BAMF reminds you that bacon grease is not lube, and beer is not water- you need to bring at least a gallon of water per person per day.
- ✚ Bring your own first aid kit. BAMF is your third aid! Practice radical self-reliance and anticipate common camp injuries: we are not here for boo-boos. We do have Band-Aids, but if you would like Band-Aids in any flavor other than vague shame, bring them yourself (you know, in your first aid kit). Additionally, if you know you need prescription or OTC medications daily or occasionally, bring them!
- ✚ BAMF reminds you to know your limits! We love you and want you to experience the event beyond the confines of our tent or the sanctuary trailer.
- ✚ Come out and work with BAMF! We still have shifts for people with all levels of experience. If you want to be part of BAMF sign up now on the Volunteer DB or stop by the BAMF tent. We will find a place where you can help out! If you are a EMT, EMT-P, LPN, RN, LE, social workers, psych folks and potentially any of our other alphabet soup acronym amigos and want to be extra helpful please bring a your certifications for our records.

B*A*M*F Rules for Radical Self-Reliance

- BRING A FIRST AID KIT & ALL OF YOUR MEDICATIONS (including inhalers). Doctors don't need to be giving you band aids and sunscreen. Be prepared to handle small issues yourself, don't overload the medical team and prevent them from focusing on serious medical issues.
- B*A*M*F Medical Station - Should your illness or injury be more severe than you can manage without help from your community of friends, there is a medical station centrally located and identifiable by a B*A*M*F sign. Your survival is your responsibility. But if you do need immediate assistance, look for a Ranger or any Apogaea Volunteer with a radio.
- Remember to light yourself at night! Should we have an emergency, we may have some large emergency vehicles moving around onsite and we want to be seen!
- Parking in tall grass at your campsite will not be allowed (and is a terrible idea). Plan on being prepared and bring a weed whacker with you to make your campsite safe for parking and other activities. It will be your responsibility to prepare your camping area so have the tools you need handy when you first arrive onsite.
- You can 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.
- Piss Clear - Apogaea can get quite hot and sunny, with temperatures sometimes up to 100°F during the day with little shade. It will get cooler at night. As you explore and participate within Apogaea remember to be prepared for the extreme environment and bring shade and enough water for you and your kids.
- Prevent the Sh!Ts - Wash your hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer or soap and water. Wipes are great, but you must leave no trace including in the porta potties! Pack your wipes out with your garbage. Disinfect your dishes, such as by rinsing them in a 10% bleach solution, then rinsing again with water.
- Electrolytes and Snacks - You will lose water and electrolytes without a sweat at Apogaea. Keep a snack with you at all times and be prepared to share. Bring snacks that replenish sodium, sugar and potassium and keep an eye out for your friends. The first sign is a change in mood.
- Rest and Cuddle - Rest when you can. Sleep deprivation can make the signs and symptoms of dehydration and electrolyte imbalance worse. It's amazing what a disco nap can do for you and a friend.
- Altitude-related Illnesses - Most all of the above 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.
- Acute Intoxication - Watch out for your friends, and yourself. Don't overindulge in alcohol and other legal substances - there is lots of time at Apogaea to have fun, so pace yourself and be smart.
- If your friends are experiencing signs of acute intoxication including unresponsiveness, difficulty breathing, altered mental status, or a gut feeling something is not going right, seek assistance from Rangers or BAMF immediately and we will get them on the right track.

B*A*M*F* Talks Risky Business

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

- Water Catches/Ponds - Run off is being collected in the form of several ponds, and this water is used by the local wildlife as drinking water. ALL Participants are prohibited from playing in these waters. (IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Gas Wells - An oil company has mineral rights to the property and is currently extracting natural gas. All infrastructure

and Participants are restricted to 150 feet from each well. These areas will be clearly marked. Do not cross the barriers or marked 'no entry' zones. (IMMEDIATE EVICTION, NO EXCEPTIONS)

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

Emergency Transport

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

Fuel & Hazmat Storage Guidelines

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

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

Fuel Guidelines

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

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

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

Large Scale Storage

No more than two 55-gallon fuel drums (or no more than a total of 110 gallons of fuel) may be stored in a camp.

Do not fill fuel containers more than 80% of capacity to allow for heat expansion; do not fill past the maximum fill line marked on containers.

All fuel containers, regardless of size, must be stored within “secondary containment” basins capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest single fuel container stored within it. For large fuel containers, a secondary containment solution can be as simple as a fuel pallet or a plastic kiddie pool. If a fuel container should fail, a secondary containment basin will catch all the fuel.

Fuel and flammables must be stored in approved containers that must remain closed except when filling or dispensing.

Fuel containers should be “UL” certified for safety and in good condition.

Small Scale Storage (one to five gallons)

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

Fuel Storage Area Safety Guidelines

- ✔ No more than two 55-gallon fuel drums (or no more than a total of 110 gallons of fuel) may be stored in a camp. [MANDATORY]
- ✔ A safety radius of 100 ft. Must separate fuel storage areas between neighboring camps. [MANDATORY]
- ✔ A safety radius of 10 ft. Must separate fuel storage areas from heat sources such as burn barrels, grills/stoves, running generators, RVs, trailers, tents, camp structures, and public areas. [MANDATORY]
- ✔ Within 10 ft. Of your fuel storage, keep a fire extinguisher easily visible and accessible. [MANDATORY] We recommend a 40-B rating / five-pound fire extinguisher.
- ✔ Fuel storage area must be kept away from where it can be struck by vehicles. [MANDATORY]
- ✔ Fuel storage areas must be protected from vehicle collision. Establish a safety perimeter around fuel storage areas using caution tape or equivalent.
- ✔ If your fuel must be in the sun, make sure that it's only filled to 80% so that when the fuel expands, it does not break your container. [MANDATORY]
- ✔ Fuel should not be stored inside or under a living area. [RECOMMENDED]
- ✔ Storing fuel in the shade is recommended, particularly in a designated fuel storage depot. However, fuel should never be stored in a confined space, under or near a structure or vehicle, or close to sources of ignition. [RECOMMENDED]
- ✔ “NO SMOKING – FLAMMABLE” signage must be visible from all four directions around fuel storage areas. [RECOMMENDED]

Fuel Spills & Ground Protection

Bring a shovel and sealable five-gallon bucket for removing fuel spills and contaminated soil from the playa and take it with you post event to dispose of.

Fuel spills and contaminated soil that are larger than 5 gallons must be reported to Rangers or BAMF. Any Apogaea staff member with a radio can also help you call for help. Reports should include location and contact person. Possible sources of ignition should be eliminated in the area of a spill. Vapors can travel significant distance away from the spill.

Fire Hazards

Do not fuel generators while they are running.

Beware the dangers of static electricity. A spark can ignite gas vapors. Static can be generated anytime fuel is moving from one container to another.

Important Requirements for Generators

Do you have a generator? Will you be running a propane stove? Are you just too hot to handle?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, bring a fire extinguisher with a current annual service tag (or receipt if it is new) and then bring one more for good luck. Seriously, BAMF wants you to bring two so you have a back up and are radically self-reliant.

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

No Holes or 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.

Tiny Humans

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 years old must be accompanied by a legal guardian and have a liability waiver signed in person at the gate upon arrival. All legal guardians are required to accurately fill out a "Tiny Human Tracking Form" for each child.

The form must be completed and turned in to the on-site Rangers (or with Gate volunteers to give to the Rangers)

immediately after getting settled into camp. In past years, this form was optional, but it is now required.

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 quickly located in case of injury or emergency.

It's always required that any child under the age of 18 be able to find and identify their legal guardian, during the event. This may be done directly (such as via radio or mobile device) or indirectly (such as awareness that the guardian will be at a fixed location). If the child is temporarily being supervised by a responsible adult other than the legal guardian, then that adult must be able to find the legal guardian.

Appropriate supervision varies by individual child, and is based on the child's age and maturity-level, as well as if there is the ability to be in radio-contact, or if there is mutual knowledge of the parent/child's location with regularly scheduled in-person check-ins.

To qualify as a "responsible adult" for the purposes of supervising a child or children, a Participant must fulfill all the following requirements:

- ✔ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ✔ Be in full control of their mental and physical faculties (adult may not be inebriated, napping, etc...).
- ✔ Either be the child's legal guardian or be the adult who was actively assigned those duties on site by the child's guardian. In other words, just because you are over 18 doesn't mean you can take your minor friend off to explore the event without their guardian's full knowledge and consent.
- ✔ 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.

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.

Allowing a minor for whom you are responsible to violate any of the stated rules is grounds for the entire party to be ejected.

Kids & Ejection

If an issue arises with a child, and a legal guardian cannot be found in a reasonable amount of time (or is not sober enough to act as a responsible adult), then both the child and the legal guardian may be removed from the event.

If a child is engaging in behavior worthy of removal from the event, then the legal guardian will be removed as well. A list of Ejectionable Offenses can be found at the end of this Survival Guide.

Kids & Hazards

The current location of Apogaea has significant physical hazards present, which require compliance with much stricter safety precautions. Parents should review this information carefully prior to the event, and then evaluate whether it is appropriate to bring their children to the event, or not. Do not assume that all hazards can or will be marked, or that any sort of physical safety barrier will be present. Families will be REQUIRED to adhere to the following event guidelines (failure to adhere may be grounds for ejection.)

Due to the hazardous nature of the land, guardians must always know where their kids are. The child's legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that their child is appropriately supervised by a responsible adult during the event.

The current Apogaea site contains many hazards, 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 & water catchments

- ✎ Potentially dangerous wildlife including rattlesnakes & elk
- ✎ Cactus (several types) that are extensive and widespread (Boots or closed shoes highly recommended)
- ✎ Felled timber, brush, and deadwood
- ✎ Bicycles & motorized traffic

Adult Content & Red Light District

Parts of the event are adult in nature. These activities are required to be visually blocked from public thoroughfares but you must be aware that you or your child may encounter activities that may be inappropriate or uncomfortable for children. (It may also be inappropriate or uncomfortable for some adults as well, but that does not mean they do not belong in our community).

Some things that might be considered inappropriate or adult by the default world, such as nudity, are not limited or blocked from public view and might be encountered throughout the event.

Be responsible for yourself and your child at all times. Do not expect the volunteers or community-at-large to supervise your child or manage your child's experience. If you feel something is inappropriate for your child, it is your responsibility to steer your child away from it. Likewise, individuals, groups, or the community-at-large should feel empowered to discuss with parents if they feel their content is inappropriate for minors, or if they feel children are being disruptive or are endangered in any way.

Camps may choose to exclude minors (under the age of 18) from their premises and/or functions at their discretion if they feel their content would be inappropriate or dangerous for minors to experience.

No minors may remain in Red Light District after 9pm every night.

Minors and their guardians are expected to respect those choices.

That said, camps are also asked to abide by the principle of radical inclusion whenever possible, and those who invoke this privilege spuriously may receive lower consideration for camp registration and placement in the future.

Serving Alcohol

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

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 absolutely serious about this.)
- ✎ **TRESPASSING IN GAS WELL AREAS** (Note: bold & all caps text here too. We are extra, super, major serious about this.)
- ✎ Photographing another Participant without their consent or taking photos/video for commercial purposes
- ✎ Vending or commerce of any kind

- ✎ Failing to respect the consent or boundaries of other Participants
- ✎ Unsafe driving
- ✎ Malicious destruction of property
- ✎ Possession of weapons
- ✎ Possession of alcohol if under 21
- ✎ Serving alcohol to someone under 21
- ✎ Disrespectful Intoxicated behavior
- ✎ Disrespect of the land such as digging, felling trees or limbs, etc.
- ✎ Violating any of the fire rules
- ✎ Violation of DMV rules
- ✎ Harassing wildlife

How to Get Kicked Out: Tiny Human Edition

Failure of parents to ensure minors under the age of 18 wear wristbands or file "Tiny Human Tracking Form" with Rangers.
Failing to ensure that a child under 12 for whom you are responsible always has proper adult supervision

During the hours of 10 PM to 5AM, all Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Children ages 13-17 can roam more widely from 5 AM -10 PM as long as they are under supervision of a responsible adult (this may be accomplished by radio, or parent's knowledge of the child's location)

It is required that any minor (under the age of 18) at Apogaea be able to find and identify their legal guardian at all times

Allowing a minor (under the age of 18) for whom you are responsible for to violate any of the stated event rules and regulations

How to Get Kicked Out: Laser Edition

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

Stationary lasers 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.

Event Exodus

The event ends on Sun, June 11. Unless you are volunteering as part of DPW, or actively working on the strike of your large theme camp or art, you must be awake, sober, packed up, de-MOOPed, and off the property by 5 PM Sun, June 11.

Your amazing Gate crew listened to the community and worked hard to expand their hours to help YOU! Please show some extra love and appreciation when you drive up.

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.

Leave No Trace (Yes, It's That Important to Mention Again)

Everything you bring to the event must leave with you. This includes all your garbage, grey water, black water, recycling, equipment, etc. You are responsible for your personal items down to the last used tissue, and you are also responsible to make sure your entire camp site is free of any MOOP (Matter Out of Place) before you go. Every Participant should be actively looking for and collecting MOOP throughout the event for proper disposal outside the event (and outside of the garbage bins or dumpsters in local communities, too!)

Your camp should make sure that you make a complete sweep of your area, and remove all traces of your time there, except from your memories. Even after you've completed this, a team of volunteers will work to find the smallest bits of MOOP left behind. They'll be exhausted and dirty when you're home in bed after a nice shower. Please do not expect them to do your work.

What do I do with all this trash?

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

Collexodus

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

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

Congratulations!

You made it to the end of the 2023 Apogaea Survival Guide. You might just survive the event after all, but you most likely won't leave the same. Thank you!

We could never possibly say it enough: Apogaea doesn't happen without YOU and all of the amazing members of our Community! We are so fortunate to have an amazing Community of an incredibly talented and dedicated folks! Thank you all for your Hard Work and Participation! Now's let's rock and roll!!

Volunteers	Communications (Telemetry)	Historian Info Booth
Artists	Community Outreach	IT Department
Performers	Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV)	Placement
Board of Directors	Department of Public Works (DPW)	Quartermaster
All Departments & Leads	Diversity, Inclusion, Consent & Equity (DICE)	Rangers
Acculturation	Finance	Ticketing
Apogaea Media and Propaganda (AMP)	Fire	Volunteer Coordination
Bureau of Apogaea	Conclave	Youth Coordination
Medical & Fire (BAMF) Center Camp	Gate	
Creative Art Team Support (CATS)	Greeters	